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Family Recipe

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A couple of years ago, Jason Wang graduated from Washington University in St. Louis with a bachelor's degree in business.

At the moment, he is dishing out spicy hand-cut rice noodles in a narrow storefront in the East Village and seems pretty thrilled about his career path. Xi'an Famous Foods, where Wang toils six days a week, started in 2006 as a tiny basement stall in Flushing, Queens, run by his father, David Shi.



Meats hang in the window of Eric Cheng's restaurant Sun Wa BBQ, that his daughter Kelly, along with her siblings, now run, in Chicago June 7, 2011.

After a decade cooking in Chinese restaurant kitchens, Shi opened his own business, serving the little-known cuisine of his hometown, the restaurant's namesake city in China. It didn't take very long for word to spread. Bloggers and denizens of food message boards praised Shi's mysteriously complex sauces. Wang, who came to the United States when he was 8, translated his father's menu into English to help the newcomers.

Now there are five branches of Xi'an Famous Foods, three of them in Manhattan. Wang, 23, came on board full time last year, fresh from classes in marketing, and full of big plans for expansion.

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Obama: America should “not panic”



President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel leave the East Room at the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 7, 2011, after their joint news conference. Obama expressed concern Tuesday about the sudden slowdown in the economy but said he is not worried about a second recession and America should “not panic.” (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)
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Obama highlights concerns about slowing economy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — With few options at hand and his poll numbers sagging, President Barack Obama expressed concern Tuesday about the sudden slowdown in the economy but said he is not worried about a second recession and America should “not panic.” The president spoke about the new economic trouble in detail for the first time since a report late last week showed job growth had slowed sharply in May. He tried to reassure Americans worried about high unemployment and expensive gas that the nation is on a slow, if not

appears to be little Washington can do about it.

Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke, speaking in Atlanta on Tuesday, acknowledged the economy has lost momentum but said nothing to suggest the Fed was about to take any bold new action to further shore it up. And with lawmakers fighting over the U.S. budget deficit and long-term debt, there is no political appetite for a second major federal stimulus bill like the one passed by Congress in 2009. At the same time, the president is confronted with a slate of figures presenting challenges to both the economic recovery and his own re-election prospects. Just as the field of Republican chal-

It gave Romney a slight edge, less than the margin of error, among registered voters.

Seventeen months before the election, unemployment is 9.1 percent. When Obama took office, it was 7.8 percent. Most economists think the rate will be above 8 percent at election time next year. Since World War II, no president has been re-elected with unemployment higher than 7.2 percent.

The day brought the latest in a stream of downbeat economic news, a government report that said businesses advertised fewer job openings in April than in March. There were 4.6 unemployed people, on average, for each available job in April. In a healthy economy,

seized on the economy to try to take advantage. One of them, former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, accused Obama on Tuesday of being satisfied with a second-rate economy “produced by his third-rate policies.”

The former Minnesota governor proposed cutting taxes on business by more than half and simplifying the tax code to just three tiers, with a top marginal rate for individuals of 25 percent. The top marginal rate now is 35 percent. Pawlenty would also eliminate taxes on capital gains.

Obama and his advisers have mainly played down the souring economic news. Recoveries are often uneven, they note, especially after severe downturns like the Great Recession. The president noted that hiring had been robust for three straight months before the bleak jobs report for May. He promoted steps the administration has already taken, such as tax breaks for business investment, and a long-term agenda of debt reduction and spending on education, infrastructure and energy research. At a time of high public concern about the economy, discouraging data can make people wonder, “Well, are we going to go back to this terrible crisis?” Obama said. “And that affects consumer confidence, and it affects business confidence, it affects the capital market. And so our task is to not panic.”

The CEO of General Motors added to the concern, suggesting Tuesday that the government stabilize the economy by coming up with a 10-year plan to handle the nation’s almost \$14 trillion debt. He said he was worried about what he called a jobless economic recovery, and said the nation is still paying for easy credit from the mid-1990s to 2007.

“I think it’s going to take a while to shake out and wring out the excesses,” CEO Dan Akerson said. At the Atlanta speech, Bernanke stuck to his assertion that the economy’s toughest challenges, notably high gas prices that have squeezed family budgets, are probably temporary. □



Guest in their seats during the State Dinner in honor of German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

Tuna, strudel served for Angela Merkel

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House went all out to underscore the theme of friendship at Tuesday’s state dinner for German Chancellor Angela Merkel: It even did a little social engineering with James Taylor’s playlist for the al fresco gathering in the Rose Garden. “They actually specifically suggested ‘You’ve Got a Friend,’” Taylor reported as he arrived. “That’s sort of the theme of the evening.” Spring was in the air but it wasn’t obvious from the evening’s designer finery. Shades of black, deep gray and blue dominated among the female guests, including Merkel, the guest of honor.

“You look lovely tonight,” President Barack Obama said to Merkel as she arrived with her husband, Joachim Sauer. Merkel traded in her customary pantsuit for a black gown with short sleeves and an off-center neckline.

Amid all the sober colors, first lady Michelle Obama stood out in a cream-colored, sleeveless gown with vertical silver accents and a short train. It was designed by Naeem Kahn, who also made the gown she wore to a state dinner for India in November 2009.

For the first time, the Obamas were serving dinner underneath the skies in the Rose Garden, just steps from the Oval Office. □



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama welcome German Chancellor Angela Merkel and her husband Joachim Sauer at the North Portico of the White House as they arrive for the State Dinner in Washington, Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

steady, path to recovery.

“I am concerned about the fact that the recovery that we’re on is not producing jobs as quickly as I want it to happen,” Obama said at an appearance with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel. “We don’t yet know whether this is a one-month episode or a longer trend.” Either way, there

lengers begins to take shape, a Washington Post-ABC News survey found that public disapproval of Obama’s handling of the economy has reached a record high, 59 percent.

The poll found that Obama and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney are tied among all Americans in a hypothetical race for president.

the ratio is more like 2-to-1.

Even if all the open positions were filled, 10.7 million people would still be unemployed. That compares with 7.7 million who were unemployed when the recession began in December 2007. The recession ended in June 2009.

Obama’s early Republican presidential challengers have

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No bodies found in Texas home after psychic tip

JUAN A. LOZANO,
Associated Press

HARDIN, Texas — A sheriff's official says no bodies have been found at a Texas farmhouse where a person claiming to be a psychic told officials multiple bodies were buried.

Liberty County Sheriff's Capt. Rex Evans says there is no indication of bodies being anywhere on the rural property about 70 miles northeast of Houston.

Officials say the sheriff's office had received two calls from a person who said dismembered bodies would be



Law enforcement officials are on the scene of a home in Hardin, Texas Tuesday, June 7, 2011, after receiving an anonymous tip that multiple dismembered bodies were buried there. A sheriff's spokesman said officials were seeking a search warrant for the property.

(AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, Nick de la Torre)

Dems decline to defend Weiner

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fellow Democrats pointedly refused to defend Rep. Anthony Weiner on Tuesday, telegraphing an unmistakable eagerness for him to resign after he admitted sending a lewd photo of himself to a woman via Twitter and lying about it. Republicans swiftly sought political profit from the New York Democrat's predicament, which threatened to deepen when conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart said he had a sexually explicit photo of the 46-year-old congressman. His political career in extreme jeopardy, Weiner had no public appearances.

His spokesman did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

On Monday, after days of denials, the New York lawmaker admitted he had engaged in "several inappropriate conver-

sations conducted over Twitter, Facebook, email and occasionally on the phone with women I had met online." Alternately apologetic and de-



Above, Meagan Broussard is one of the six women with whom U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., admitted to exchanging "inappropriate" messages.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

fiant, he said he neither met nor had physical relationships with any of them, and added, "I am not resigning." In fact, there is little that par-

ty leaders can do to force an errant lawmaker to quit, although House Republicans have moved decisively in the past year to purge their ranks of two men who wound up in embarrassing situations. Most Democrats maintained an uncomfortable silence about Weiner's future, part of what several senior congressional officials described as a hope that over a few days, Weiner would reconsider his refusal to resign. If not, several noted pointedly, his district might be eliminated when lines are adjusted before the 2012 elections to account for a population shift that will cost New York two House seats. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid broke the silence. "I wish there were some way that I can defend him, but I can't," the Nevada Democrat told reporters. Asked what he would do if Weiner called for advice, he replied he would tell him "call somebody else." Republicans sought political gain. □

found. Evans says authorities took the tip seriously in part because the caller had details about the interior of the house that only someone who had seen it could have known.

He says authorities now have a name and number for the caller and are working to track them down.

Footage shot from television news helicopters showed more

than a dozen vehicles, mostly belonging to law enforcement, parked along a rural road intersection near a farmhouse. The area around the home was heavily wooded.

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Voice of America struggles for new era

MARK LANDLER

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WASHINGTON — When Walter Isaacson championed Voice of America's decision to shut down its shortwave radio broadcasts to China — and shift those funds to the Internet, cellphones and other forms of digital media — he viewed it as the sensible updating of a propaganda playbook dating from the Cold War.

But nothing is simple in the world of government broadcasting. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a staunch critic of China, condemned the move, saying it would deprive Chinese listeners of unfiltered news. It amounted, he said, to a U.S. retreat in the face of Beijing's growing global influence.

"Who knew shortwave in China was a land mine?" said Isaacson, a onetime head of CNN who is chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, which oversees Voice

of America and its four sister networks.

With the Obama administration embarking on a fundamental overhaul of Voice of America and other official

As part of its yearlong review, Isaacson's board is seeking ways to streamline and modernize Voice of America and its sister networks: Radio Free Europe, Radio Free



Samia Bellounis, floor director, watches as a screen shows content from Facebook during a piece about social networking, during an afternoon broadcast of The Global, at a Alhurra television studio in Springfield, Va., June 7, 2011.

(Brendan Smialowski/The New York Times)

broadcasters — one that seeks to adapt their traditional diplomatic missions to the era of Facebook and Twitter — Rohrabacher's response could be a foretaste of battles to come.

Asia, Alhurra, and Radio and TV Marti. Each service has its protectors in Congress — Cuban-American lawmakers defend Radio Marti, for example — and they are likely to view any change as a threat. □

For a notorious forger, adding one last touch

CAMPBELL ROBERTSON

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LAFAYETTE, La. — This is expected to be a formality, one of the lawyers said, a simple affirmation of what has already been put on paper. The courtroom was mostly empty but for a few lawyers and federal agents and a handful of journalists and onlookers who had followed the case with cultish fascination. William Toye sat at the defendant's table, wearing a peach-colored shirt, a tie so large it looked like a scarf, and a dyspeptic expression. He was there Monday to plead guilty to one federal count of conspiring to commit mail fraud.

But with Toye you never can tell.

For a self-taught artist, Toye, 79, has led a remarkable career. His paintings have been on display in the apartments of the rich and famous in New York, in New Orleans galleries, in private houses in Dallas and, briefly, in the office of Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana, though the people in these places did not know initially that they had come into possession of original Toyes.

Over the past four decades, Toye and his wife have been formally accused three times of having sold or trying to sell fakes, most often imitations of paintings by the folk artist Clementine Hunter, whose work Toye professes to despise. But this is the first time he has been fully prosecuted.

The conspiracy being considered is an odd one, involving Toye's British-born wife, Beryl, and a dealer in New Orleans named Robert E. Lucky Jr., who is alleged to have sold the Toye Hunters to customers around the country and in some cases to have resold them after they were returned by disgruntled purchasers. There is a good deal of bad blood. In a floridly reproachful letter in 2005, Beryl Toye told Lucky that if he were to end up in jail, "it will be with my blessing and my boot up your rear end." □

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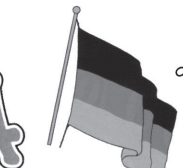
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Is Internet sex cheating?

Many Americans say "yes"

By JOCELYN NOVECK

AP National Writer

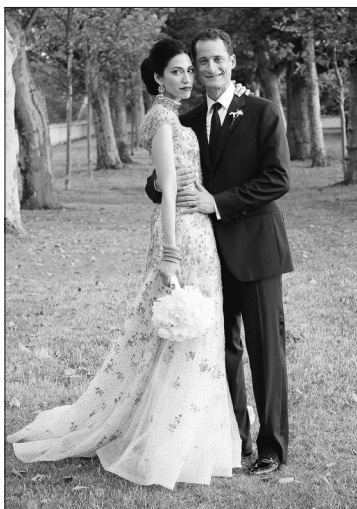
Minneapolis - Jon Austin's wife, Amy, had a blunt assessment for her husband as the Minneapolis couple watched Rep. Anthony Weiner's stunning confessions on television this week.

"You'd be dead," she told him.

Regardless of his professional future, it's Weiner's predicament at home that seems to be launching countless discussions among couples like the Austins. And this time, it's not a question of actual physical cheating — a la Eliot Spitzer and his prostitution scandal — but the murkier backdrop of Internet relationships: sexting, tweeting lewd photos, emailing.

If it's virtual, does it constitute infidelity? Many Americans seem to think it does.

"Would you text it, post it, send it with your spouse looking over your shoulder?" asks



In this photo provided by Marie Ternes, Rep. Anthony Weiner, D-N.Y., poses with his wife Huma Abedin, close aide to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, for a formal wedding portrait at the Oheka Castle in Huntington, N.Y. Weiner confessed Monday, June 6, 2011, that he tweeted a bulging-underpants photo of himself to a young woman and admitted to "inappropriate" exchanges with six women before and after getting married. (AP Photo/Barbara Kinney, File)

Austin, 52, who works in corporate public relations and takes no issue with his wife's frank appraisal of the situation. "If yes, then it's not infidelity. If no, you're cheating." In online postings and follow-up phone calls with The Associated Press, dozens of people echoed the same thought: Cheating need not be physical. "I think the emotional betrayal is just as bad," says Marissa Bholan, a 22-year-old student. "A married person should not be flirting online — or in any manner, really. It demonstrates a clear unfaithfulness. You're married. Act like it." For one woman in Texas, the danger of online relationships became painfully apparent when she caught a boyfriend trading amorous instant messages with an Internet friend — at one point on her own laptop. When Beky Hayes confronted him, he told her he never felt his virtual friend was "a real person" — even though an actual, clandestine visit seemed to be in the planning stages.

"I think there's a perception that what you're doing online is somehow not real," says Hayes, a musician. "But of course it is." And men, Hayes adds, may be more vulnerable to the lure of Internet relationships "because they allow them to escape the responsibilities and pressures of real relationships." She is no longer seeing that boyfriend.

A specialist in Internet addiction agrees that many people turn to online relationships to escape the pressures of their daily lives, reveling in the anonymity — particularly if, like a congressman, they are well known. □

U.S. Briefs

NY guilty plea in insider trading probe

NEW YORK (AP) — The first person arrested in the insider trading probe of expert networking firms has entered a guilty plea in federal court in New York. Don Chu entered the plea in federal court in Manhattan on Tuesday. He is among 13 people charged so far in a probe of those in the securities industry who give out inside information instead of legitimate research. Chu became the ninth person to plead guilty to charges in connection with the investigation. The probe was unveiled last fall when Chu was arrested. Chu, of Somerset, New Jersey, was born in Taiwan but became a U.S. citizen in 1997. He was accused of passing along secrets about a technology company to hedge fund workers. Chu was a consultant with Primary Global Research, a California networking firm. □

Equal opportunity mocking was standard

NEW YORK (AP) — A former hedge fund manager insisted he berated nearly everyone when he was pressed Tuesday to explain why he mocked a California consultant who he said made him millions of dollars by feeding him inside information about technology stocks. Noah Freeman spent most of his third day on the witness stand at Winifred Jiau's insider trading trial being cross-examined, sometimes about the nasty things he said behind Jiau's back. "I mocked a lot of people," Freeman said of his work as a fund manager in a profession that he quit last year to become a high school teacher. Prosecutors called him to build their case against Jiau, who was arrested in December on charges that she conspired to accept cash and gifts to feed inside information to hedge funds. Jiau, of Fremont, California, was among 13 people arrested in a crackdown on those in the securities industry who pass along inside information as if it were legitimate research. □

NY man sues US monastery alleging abuse

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — A U.S. man filed a lawsuit Tuesday alleging that he was sexually abused at a New York church in the 1960s by a priest who went on to become abbot of a Minnesota monastery and helped found an institute to deal with clergy sexual abuse. The federal lawsuit was filed in Minnesota against the Order of St. Benedict and St. John's Abbey. It alleges that former Abbot Timothy Kelly abused the man, who was an altar boy at the time, at St. Anselm's Church in New York while Kelly was an associate pastor. The abuse occurred in 1966 and 1967, when the plaintiff was about 15 or 16, according to the lawsuit. Kelly died in October. Attorney Jeffrey Anderson, who has filed numerous lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by clergy, said the alleged victim decided to come forward after reading Kelly's obituary. Two former monks at St. John's Abbey joined Anderson at a news conference to announce the lawsuit. Patrick Wall and Richard Sipe said they worked with Kelly on abuse issues and claimed the monastery had fostered a "climate of sexual secrecy" that came from the top. □



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tions and one beauty station. Other spa amenities feature fully equipped locker and changing rooms, a traditional steam room and charming indoor and outdoor relaxation lounges. □



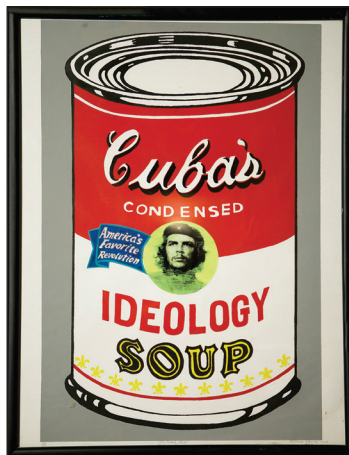
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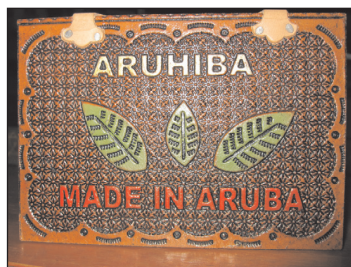
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Deadly floods
and mudslides
hit Haiti

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Heavy rain hammered southern Haiti for a seventh straight day Tuesday, triggering floods and mudslides and causing houses and shanties in the capital to collapse. The official death toll was 23 but could rise as remnants of the storm lingered.

Haitian authorities listed six people as missing.

Runoff from the rain sent rivers surging and flooded many homes as people scrambled to their rooftops. The slow-moving storm system also toppled trees and debris blocked streets throughout the capital.

At least 23 people were killed and more than a dozen injured, said Edgar Joseph, a spokesman for Haiti's Civil Protection Department. Most of the deaths were in Port-au-Prince and they included two who died over the weekend, he said.

Thirteen people died in Petionville, a hillside city southeast of downtown Port-au-Prince, Joseph said. In one incident, a concrete house slid down a ravine and crashed into several smaller homes.

A 53-year-old man, Jean Wildor Charutis, said his older sister and a niece died in the large house that crashed down the ravine. "There was so much rain it shook the house," he said as he and government rescue workers searched for survivors. □

Gadhafi defiant as NATO planes pound Tripoli

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TRIPOLI, Libya — In a sudden, sharp escalation of NATO's air campaign over Libya, warplanes dropped more than 60 bombs on targets in Tripoli on Tuesday, obliterating large areas of Moammar Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya command compound. In response, Gadhafi posted an audio recording on Libyan state television vowing never to surrender or accept defeat. "We welcome death," he said. "Martyrdom is a million times better."

The unusual daylight raids, the most intense on the Libyan capital since the aerial campaign started more than 11 weeks ago, began in mid-morning and continued after dark — fulfilling NATO commanders' recent warnings of an impending rise in the intensity of attacks. What appeared to be bunker-busting bombs laid waste to an area of about two acres in one corner of the compound, destroying six or seven major buildings and leaving a twisted, smoking mass of steel and concrete. A Libyan official said Tuesday night that the attacks killed 31 people and wounded dozens more, many of them security guards and "totally innocent civilians." That number could not be confirmed.

Earlier, officials said that 10 percent to 15 people lay buried in the ruins of one building alone, though the only casualty seen by Western reporters who were bused to the scene was a man who was pulled from the rubble while



A smoke and dust cloud from an explosion rises into the sky after a NATO airstrike in Tripoli, Libya Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Moammar Gadhafi vowed to fight to the death in a defiant speech Tuesday after NATO military craft unleashed a ferocious series of daytime airstrikes on Tripoli.

(AP Photo/Abdel Meguid al-Fergany)

they were there, identified by officials as a cleaner.

In the absence of any visible rescue operations, the man's body had been spotted by a U.S. television crew, then laid out beneath a green sheet on a rubble-strewn roadway while an ambulance was summoned. Officials said the extent of the devastation made it impossible for the heavy machinery needed to search for bodies to reach the area.

In a city grown accustomed to the NATO raids, the attacks caused a heightened level of alarm, partly because they began so early in the day, when this capital of 2.5 million people was busy with its daily routines. Most of the nearly 4,000 strike sorties flown by NATO since the air war began in March have been carried out deep into the night, partly, NATO officials have said, to minimize the risk of civil-

ian casualties. But Tuesday's daylight raids emptied much of the city of traffic, with stores in large areas of the city shuttered and the few people out hurrying to complete their business and find shelter.

Gadhafi's nine-minute audio message was his first public pronouncement in nearly four weeks, when he spoke after an earlier NATO attack on the Tripoli command compound. That message, also delivered in a recorded radio address, struck a defiant posture, telling NATO that he was "in a place where you can't reach me — in the hearts of my people." On Tuesday, the tone seemed at one point to borrow from Winston Churchill's bullish speeches when Britain faced the threat of German invasion in 1940. "The Libyan people right now are living hours of glory of which future generations will be proud," he

said. "Our children and our grandchildren will be proud of us and of our resilience and courage today. We shall defeat the enemy; our fate does not matter." Addressing NATO, he went on: "You are setting fire to the sea; you are setting fire to the desert; you are chasing a mirage. What do you want? What do you want? Did we cross the sea and attack you? Why this consistent bombing? Are you trying to force us into submission? You will not; we will never submit." With the repeated bombing of his Tripoli compound, Gadhafi has become a fugitive in his own capital, unable or unwilling to appear on television and forced, so NATO and people in the rebel underground in Tripoli have said, to stay constantly on the move in the hope of cloaking his whereabouts from NATO. His isolation has been compounded by signs that support for him has ebbed away in wide areas of Tripoli, and growing numbers of high-level defections, from the top ranks of the government and the army. On Tuesday, Libya's labor minister, Al-Amin Manfur, added his name to the growing exodus, declaring at a meeting in Geneva of the International Labor Organization that he was now supporting the rebel government, the National Transitional Council, Agence France-Presse reported. Western leaders have been cautious, renewing warnings in recent days that it could still take weeks or months to topple the Libyan leader. □

Gunmen kill rector at Muslim university in southern Russia

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MOSCOW — Gunmen on Tuesday killed the rector of a Muslim university in southern Russia who had been leading a government-sponsored effort to counter violence in the region by reviving the local traditions of Sufi Islam that he



Maksud Sadikov, the rector of the Islamic University of the North Caucasus, at his office, in Makhachkala, Russia. Sadikov, who had been leading a government-sponsored effort to counter violence by reviving the local traditions of Sufi Islam, was shot to death and prosecutors have no potential suspects as of late Tuesday.

(Oleg Nikishin/The New York Times)

said were less likely to inspire suicide bombers.

The rector, Maksud I. Sadikov, of the Islamic University of the North Caucasus, was shot to death in a car in Makhachkala, the capital of the Dagestan region, Russian prosecutors said. Sadikov's bodyguard was also killed, they said.

The prosecutors had not arrested or identified any potential suspects by late Tuesday, and no group immediately stepped forward to take responsibility for the attack.

Sadikov was a proponent of the idea that state support for Sufism could diminish the threat of terrorism in Russia. Sufism was once widespread in the North Caucasus but faded after the breakup of the Soviet Union and the arrival of proselytizers from Middle East who sought to spread Sunni Islam.

In an interview in February, Sadikov said that no Sufi had committed a suicide bombing in Russia.

"One of the best methods to resist the ideology of extremism is a good religious educa-

tion," Sadikov said. He said a moderate Islamic education was an "anti-venom" against terrorism.

The effort, and the government financing it received, had put him at odds with militants in the Islamic insurgency in Russia that began in Chechnya in the 1990s and

cade. In the past 18 months, 76 people have died in attacks on the Moscow subway system and at its main airport. Those attacks led the police to put additional metal detectors in public spaces.

Sadikov said his strategy was to prevent radical Islamic ideas from taking root in young men. In southern Russia, as in Iraq and Afghanistan, most suicide bombers are adherents of fundamentalist Sunni sects, including the Salafi tradition that is the state religion in Saudi Arabia.

The Russian government latched onto Sadikov's observations and threw official support behind other forms of Islam.

The United States tried a similar tactic in Iraq by introducing moderate imams at the prisons where insurgents were being held.

Sadikov's university was intended to educate elementary school teachers for a pilot



Students walk down a staircase at the Islamic University of the North Caucasus, in Makhachkala, Russia.

(Oleg Nikishin/The New York Times)

has spread to other regions, including Dagestan.

His university, a sprawling complex beside a mosque in Makhachkala, was involved in one of the few nonmilitary approaches that the Russian government has attempted to resolve the long-running rebellion. President Dmitry A. Medvedev has also tried to use economic aid to ease unemployment in the area.

Militants have sent dozens of suicide bombers into central Russian cities, including Moscow, over the past de-

project to teach Sufi Islam in public schools. This year, 1,300 students were enrolled, making it the largest effort of its kind in the North Caucasus. His university taught what he characterized as pacifist Sufi practices, like performing a ritual whirling dance or taking pilgrimages to holy sites. Critics countered that the Sufi monopoly of formal religious education in the North Caucasus only served to further alienate fundamentalist Sunni believers by compelling them to worship at home. □



Jani Raappanen in Joonas Neuvonen's documentary "Reindeerspotting: Escape from Santaland" in an undated handout photo. The documentary follows a group of drug addicts in Finland and what they do to feed their habit.

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In 'Reindeerspotting,' heroin addiction among the snowscape

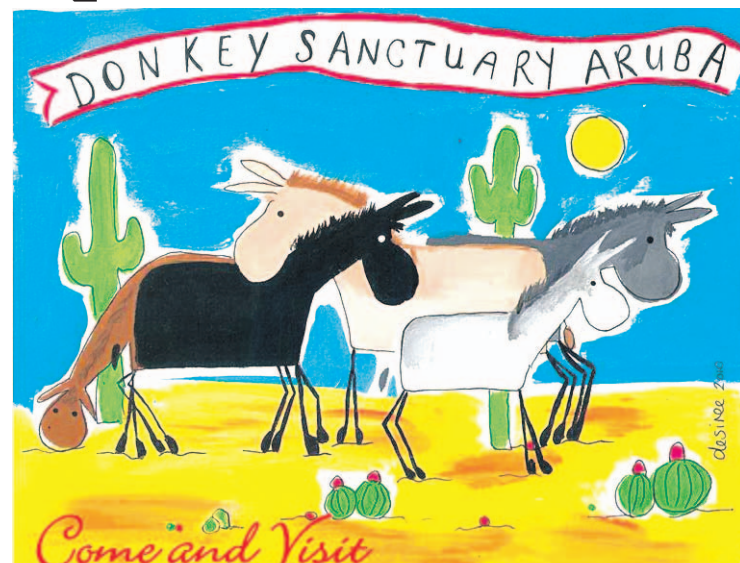
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The title of Joonas Neuvonen's "Reindeerspotting: Escape From Santaland" makes explicit the film's premise: to take the kind of intimacy and immediacy Danny Boyle achieved in "Trainspotting," the fictional story of Glasgow heroin addicts, and apply it to a documentary about Neuvonen's fellow drug users in northern Finland.

Mission accomplished. "Reindeerspotting," primarily a portrait of an effervescent, smart and terribly sad young addict and thief named Jani, puts us right in the room — and the toilet stall, and the stolen car, and the fleabag hotel. Questions of the filmmaker's role are moot, given Neuvonen's literal complicity in his friends' lives and misdeeds. He does draw a line when he's asked to hold the stereo that Jani is trying to detach from a dashboard, but he may have just needed both hands for the camera. Filming in 2003 (the movie was eventually completed by a Helsinki production house), Neuvonen captures amazing moments — burglaries in progress, a stoned friend tumbling several stories from a balcony to the sidewalk — and a coherent story emerges about Jani's downward spiral, albeit a story that's jumpy and episodic, stitched together with intertitles.

It's also a pretty familiar story, and "Reindeer," despite Neuvonen's verve and Jani's charisma, can drag. Like a lot of addiction stories, it starts to mirror the monotony and self-absorption of the addict's life. What saves it, finally, are Neuvonen's instinctive, and considerable, skills as an image-maker: Long after you forget Jani's story, you'll remember the way the snowy landscapes look, and the surreal beauty of a nighttime reindeer race. □



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Denials follow report of Syrian envoy's resignation

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PARIS — A woman identifying herself as the Syrian ambassador to France announced her resignation by telephone on French television Tuesday evening, in what would be the first such defection from the government of President Bashar Assad in months of unrest. But Syrian state television and Al Arabiya television both followed by broadcasting telephone denials in Arabic from someone they identified as the ambassador, Lamia Shakkour, who said the France24 news channel had been taken in by an imposter. It was not possible Tuesday night to confirm whether Shakkour had resigned, been impersonated, or resigned and then changed her mind. She took the ambassador's post in August 2008 after it had stood vacant for nearly two years amid French-Syrian tensions over the assassination of Rafik Hariri, the former prime minister of Lebanon. Her father had also served as Syria's ambassador to France, and she is a member of a Christian minority loyal to the Assad government. The resignation had appeared credible in large part because of its rationale and timing. The woman said she could no longer support the government's violent suppression of protesters; her statement came after violent clashes in the town of Jisr al-Shughour that the government portrayed as a massacre by "armed groups" but that residents said was the government's own answer

to a wave of defections from military forces sent to besiege the town. Syria bars foreign journalists from entering the country and neither the government's nor the residents' accounts of the events could be independently verified. Nevertheless, either version would represent a serious escalation in both the chaos and violence of the Syrian uprising and harsh government efforts to crush it.

Telephone calls and emails to the Syrian Embassy in Paris were not answered. The embassy website was not functioning in the evening; attempts to access it prompted a message saying the account had been suspended. The French Foreign Ministry said it could not confirm the resignation. France24, which had arranged for Shakkour to appear by telephone on a live debate about Syria and used a telephone number for her Tuesday that it had used before, said it was convinced that she was the woman who made the resignation statements, in both English and French. Reuters said it had confirmed the resignation by email via the Syrian Embassy website before it was taken down. In the telephone statement on France24, the woman identified as Shakkour said that she recognized "the legitimacy of the people's demand for more democracy and freedom" and that she could not "ignore that demonstrators have died, that families live in pain."

"I can no longer continue to support the cycle of extreme violence against unarmed civilians," she said. □

Yemen uncertainty grows; leader's burns severe



Anti-government protestors read local newspapers featuring on the front page a photograph of Vice President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, and a headline that reads in Arabic, "What's after Ali Abdullah Saleh", in Sanaa, Yemen, Tuesday, June 7, 2011. U.S. officials said Tuesday that Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh was more badly injured than thought in a blast at his compound last week, complicating the U.S. response to increased instability in a key battleground in the war against al-Qaida.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

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RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The uncertainty surrounding the political future of Yemen's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, deepened Tuesday as he was treated for far more severe burns than had first been disclosed, while maneuvering intensified in the capitals of Yemen, the United States and Saudi Arabia to head off an emerging and dangerous power vacuum.

Saleh's sudden departure from Yemen initially prompted warring factions to call a cease-fire, but that failed to stabilize the fractured nation

as fighting Tuesday intensified in the south between militants and the government, leaving dozens dead.

While mediators move toward establishing a transitional government, Saleh's condition — and his prospects for recovery — emerged as the crucial factor in determining who will rule the nation, which is an important U.S. ally in fighting terrorism. While Washington and Riyadh have wanted Saleh to step down in the face of months of protests and increasing violence, there was no agreement Tuesday on how to proceed while he is in a Riyadh hospital.

Those wanting Saleh to re-

main in power suggest that he is fully conscious and in control and expected to return to Yemen any day. Those who would like to see him step down portray his condition as more dire. He has not been seen publicly since the attack last week.

The working plan for a transition of power — one that Saleh has rejected three times — was outlined by the Gulf Cooperation Council calling for elections 90 days after he officially resigned. The council's plan is expected to be the focus of intense discussions in Abu Dhabi on Thursday.

Saleh, who was flown to Saudi Arabia on Saturday along with the prime minister and other top aides for treatment at the Armed Forces Hospital in Riyadh, was first said to have been lightly injured including burns on his face, neck and arms caused by an explosion at the palace mosque during Friday Prayers. On Tuesday it was reported that he suffered burns on 40 percent of his body and that a large wooden shard sliced into him and may have punctured a lung, said Abdul Rahman al-Rashed, head of the Arabiya television network.

But the explosion left Saleh with burns on his back as well, said a person familiar with his injuries speaking on the condition of anonymity, and, although not life-threatening, they were severe enough to require strong sedation for the pain and several months of convalescence. □

It's back to nature at rustic spas in Quebec

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A soft summer rain stippled the surface of the lake. As I towed off my racer-back Speedo after a chilly swim, I spotted a muskrat busy building a nest beneath the willows. As campsites go, this clearing 30 miles northeast of Quebec City in the foothills of the Laurentian Mountains offered tranquillity. Except it wasn't a backcountry destination — it was a spa with a wild streak. Zonespa, the site of that gentle rain shower, is among the many Canadian spas that take the Scandinavian sauna ritual as inspiration but expand on it to include aquatic therapies like warm whirlpools, bracing cascades and piping steam baths, placing them all in the midst of the north woods. Tapping Canada's natural resources, Nordic spas use rivers, ponds and lakes as additional therapy pools. The rustic theme extends to services: None offer manicures, and massages tend to be of the straightforward Swedish variety.

But within this organic theme



Guests at Siberia Station Spa in Lac-Beauport, Quebec, Canada. Tapping Canada's natural resources, Siberia Station is among a variety of spa's that use rivers, ponds and lakes as additional therapy pools.

lies variation, as I discovered last summer on a four-day stay exploring the lakes and rivers of Quebec, the province most closely associated with what are known as Nordic spas. Four spas that opened since 2005 lie just 20 to 60 miles from Quebec City and close to national parks as well, creating a convenient circuit for

those seeking to commune with nature on the trails and recover from that communion off-trail.

My first stop along this sybaritic trail was Siberia Station Spa, a hideaway just 17 miles from the Quebec City airport, near the resort area of Lake Beauport. Like other outdoor spas in the area, Siberia Station offered immersion in nature, with a series of Jacuzzis over several terraces on the steeply sloped bank of the Yellow River. Unlike many of them, it had features that could convince a honeymooner to forgo the Catskills for Canada. Those Jacuzzis seem designed for two, and couples waited their turn. Some did so cuddling in wide, rainbow-striped hammocks strung between the pines, in a capsule-shaped warming cabin with a flat-screen TV flashing serene images of beaches, or wrapped in robes before an outdoor fire. As directed by signs in French, I began exploring the facilities in the strongly eucalyptus-scented steam room, followed by an icy shower under a fake waterfall and a tranquil swing in a hammock serenaded by a red-winged blackbird's trill. The recommended steps — a hot, cold, rest, repeat — were bracing, but after a few rounds, having my senses stunned wasn't just pleasurable, it was numbing in a way that became addictive.

World Briefs

Puerto Rico seizure yields car uses jet fuel

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Federal officials in Puerto Rico have seized 16 high-end cars and 15 luxury watches from purported drug traffickers with links to an alleged drug boss known as the "Pablo Escobar of the Caribbean." A Tuesday statement from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says the property has a total estimated value of \$3.2 million. Among the items seized is a

special edition Camaro that runs on jet fuel and costs more than \$75,000. The agency says the items belonged to an organization run by Jose Figueroa Agosto. He was arrested last July after a nearly 10-year manhunt and is accused of shipping Colombian cocaine to the U.S. mainland through Puerto Rico. Twelve alleged members of his organization were arrested in November.

Brazil president's staff chief resigns amid crisis

SAO PAULO (AP) — The chief of staff for Brazil's president has resigned amid questions over how his personal wealth rose sharply while he served as a congressman. Antonio Palocci says he is stepping down to put an end to a political fight that could harm President Dilma Rousseff's government. A statement from Rousseff after the Tuesday

announcement says she regrets Palocci's departure. The resignation comes a day after Brazil's prosecutor general cleared Palocci of any wrongdoing. But opposition leaders still wanted him to detail how his net worth reportedly jumped twentyfold to \$4.6 million in four years. He has said the increase happened legally through a consulting company he owns.

Associates of Peru P.E. address fears

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Associates of Peru's new left-leaning president-elect did their best to calm investor fears, and the stock market rebounded Tuesday after plunging on concerns Ollanta Humala will be hostile to private enterprise. Humala's vice president-elect and a member of his economic team both assured the business community that the winner of Sunday's presidential runoff will maintain

the country's fiscal policies, with an emphasis on social programs. The stock market rose by 7 percent by Tuesday afternoon after diving by more than 12 percent Monday. Humala narrowly defeated the daughter of disgraced former President Alberto Fujimori on Sunday. With nearly 96 percent of the ballots counted, Humala had received 51.6 percent of the vote to Keiko Fujimori's 48.4 percent.

Russian ship blasts off for space station

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan (AP) — A Russian Soyuz craft lit up the starry skies of the southern Kazakh steppe early Wednesday as it blasted off to carry a three-man crew for a mission to the International Space Station that will take in the U.S. shuttle's farewell voyage. Russian cosmonaut Sergei Volkov, NASA's Michael Fossum, and Satoshi Furukawa of Japan's JAXA space agency will spend almost two days squeezed into the cramped Soyuz capsule before docking with the space

station, where they will remain until mid-November. By being present on the space station as the shuttle performs its final voyage, Fossum and fellow NASA astronaut Ron Garan will play leading roles in the closing act of the program. "They're going to be very proud to be part of the last shuttle dock mission. It's obviously going to be a sad time for all of us to see the end of the program," said NASA colleague Jeff Williams, who accompanied Fossum's family during their stay in Baikonur.



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Based on an old family recipe

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While he and his father scout new locations, they are setting up a commissary in East Williamsburg, Brooklyn, to be a central distribution point for the restaurants. But chasing a larger audience does not mean they will be

it pure, because that's what people are coming to us for," he said. "We're even going to keep the cashiers non-English-speakers, just because that's more authentic. Except me, of course." The ability to move easily between cultures and codes has helped Wang steer his father's restaurant from a

who are finding that this is an opportune moment to bring their own families' food businesses to a public hungry for the real thing. They grew up around restaurants and food shops founded by their parents to offer a taste of home to their own ethnic communities. In these businesses, English was optional, marketing was word of mouth and innovation was beside the point. Such places evolved far away from the bright lights of mainstream food culture.

But mainstream food culture is not what it once was. When hordes of bloggers and TV hosts scour every corner for hidden culinary treasures, any tiny taqueria or noodle shop can abruptly find itself with a whole new clientele – and occasionally, a national profile. And some savvy U.S.-educated heirs to these businesses are trying to attract a wider audience without losing the qualities that made them popular to begin with.

For some of them, this means adopting modern business methods (Danny Meyer's upscale fast food chain, Shake Shack, is one of Wang's models) while leaving the menu intact. For others, it can mean

a double-barreled approach in which Old World recipes share space with hybrid creations. Jonel Picioane, owner of the Ridgewood Pork Store and the Sunnyside Meat Market, both

said, as his son translated. Jonel Picioane, 41, still makes the smoky salami and paprika-crusted hams the way his father did. He chats with older patrons in fluent Romanian



Jonel Picioane, owner of Ridgewood Pork Store, who took over the family business from his father 10 years ago, in New York. Growing up around restaurants run by their immigrant parents, a next-generation of entrepreneurs are working to get their family businesses to a larger audience of food hungry people.

(Julie Glassberg/The New York Times)

taking lamb face salad off the menu. Wang is canny enough to realize that undiluted ethnic legitimacy is a key part of the brand. "We're going to keep

Flushing basement to the East Village and beyond. It is a skill he shares with other ambitious children of first-generation immigrant entrepreneurs



Jason Wang, of Xi'an Famous Foods, holds a lamb burger, left, and liang pi noodles, at his family restaurant in New York. Fresh out of college Jason is helping his father to market the family business.

(Suzanne DeChillo/The New York Times)

in Queens, is a second-generation butcher and a second-generation American. His father, Kornel Picioane, an ethnic Romanian from Banatski Karlovac, Serbia, ran the two shops until he retired 10 years ago. "Even though he went to college, I always secretly thought he'd come and work in the shop," Kornel Picioane

and Serbian. Every spring, he whips up a huge batch of the traditional Romanian Easter dish drob de miel, a dill-flavored terrine of lamb lungs and kidneys. Lately, the skills Jonel learned in his youth have turned out to be a rather hot commodity, and so he has decided to take those skills in new directions. □

How to steal a Russian airport

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The decision to pull the initial public offering was announced on the last Sunday in May, late at night. The company that had been planning to sell its shares to the public – hoping to raise somewhere between \$700 million and \$1 billion – was the Domodedovo airport, the biggest and best-run of Moscow's three airports, and the only one not owned by the state.

The airport's investment bankers blamed the problem on the usual suspect: "market conditions" – meaning that they weren't going to get the price they had hoped for. And I suppose, in some literal sense, that was true. But it didn't begin to capture the real story.

A few days ago, I wrote about the human cost of Russia's lack of respect for the rule of law. There is also a business cost, one that hurts Russia on a daily basis. The decision by the owners of the Domodedovo airport to withdraw its IPO is a perfect example – and helps explain why Russia simply cannot have a modern economy until it has a real rule of law.

It is no coincidence, of course, that the best airport in Moscow is the only one in private hands.

The management company, East Line Group, took over Domodedovo in 1996 when it was "a small, rundown airport," according to The Moscow Times. It poured enormous sums into upgrades and new terminals, attracted new business – and forced the government-run airports to spend money just to keep pace. It was good for everyone – including Domodedovo, which had revenues of \$1 billion a year. This is how the textbooks say capitalism is supposed to work.

In January, however, a suicide bomber got past the airport's security, killing 37 people and wounding 180. Russia's president, Dmitry Medvedev, ordered the prosecutor general to write a report. It seems fair to say that Russia's plutocrats saw this as their opening. In mid-May, days before the airport announced its plans



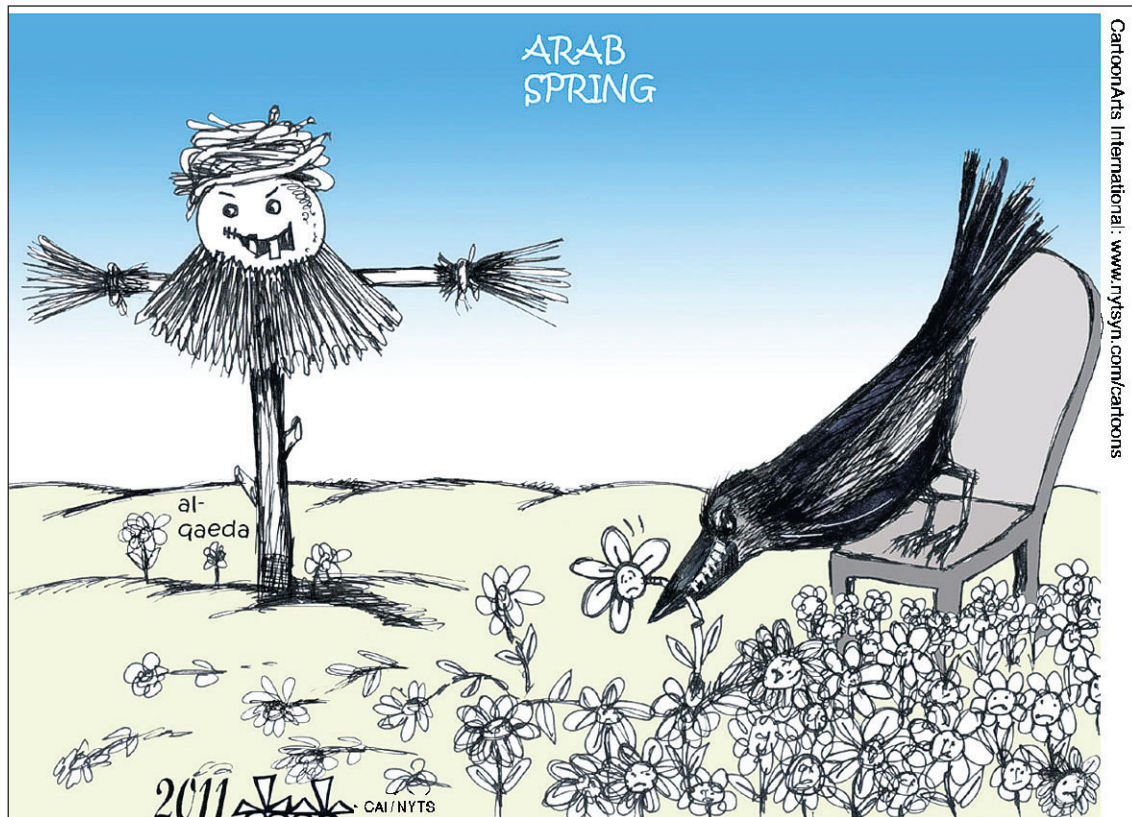
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to go public, the prosecutor general lowered the boom. His report concluded that the airport's offshore ownership structure was "unacceptable," because it allowed Domodedovo, as he put it, "to hide the real owners and those making the management decisions at the airport."

As is always the case when the plutocrats are getting ready to pull a fast one, the charge has a surface plausibility. The East Line Group's ownership is byzantine, involving several companies registered in the Isle of Man. Yet somehow that never mattered while it was spending all that money to build a more profitable airport. Besides, offshore ownership is almost as common in Russia as the corporate structure is in America; even state-owned companies often use an offshore structure. Why do companies go this route? In part, at least, to keep assets away from the grasping hands of the plutocrats.

Sure enough, a few days after the report, the news leaked out that a man named Igor Yusufov was putting together a group that hoped to buy a \$1 billion stake in Domodedovo. Who is Yusufov? He's a former energy minister who served under the Russian strongman Vladimir Putin. According to The Financial Times, until a few months ago, he was also a special deputy to Medvedev. The Russian business newspaper Vedomosti described him as a potential "peacemaker" between the government and the airport's owners.

Well, yes, that's one way of describing him. Here's another way, the way most foreign investors saw it. □



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Sometimes life presents you with a basic philosophical choice. Americans are going to have to confront a giant one over the next several years. It starts in the wonky world of Medicare. As presently constructed, Medicare is based on an open-ended fee-for-service system.

The government pays providers each time they deliver a service. The more services they provide, the more money they get.

The fee-for-service system is incredibly popular. Recipients don't have to think about the costs of their treatment, and they get lots of free money. The average 56-year-old couple pays about \$140,000 into the Medicare system over a lifetime and receives about \$430,000 in benefits back. The program is also completely unaffordable. Medicare has unfinanced liabilities of more than \$30 trillion. The Medicare trustees say the program is about a decade from insolvency.

Some Democrats simply want

Where wisdom lives

to do nothing as Medicare careens toward bankruptcy. Last Sunday on "Face the Nation," for example, Nancy Pelosi said, "I could never support any arrangement that reduced benefits for Medicare."

Fortunately, more responsible Democrats are looking for ways to save the system. This is where the philosophical issues come in.

They involve questions like: Who should make the crucial decisions? Where does wisdom reside?

Democrats tend to be skeptical that dispersed consumers can get enough information to make smart decisions. Health care is phenomenally complicated. Providers have much more information than consumers. Insurance companies are rapacious and are not in the business of optimizing care.

Given these limitations, Democrats generally seek to concentrate decision-making and cost-control power in the hands of centralized experts. Under the Obama health care law, a team of 15 officials will be created to discover best practices and come up with cost-cutting measures. There will also be a Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation in Washington to organize medical innovation. Centralized officials will decide how to set national reimbursement rates.

Republicans at their best are

skeptical about top-down decision-making. They are skeptical that centralized experts can accurately predict costs. In 1967, the House Ways and Means Committee projected that Medicare would cost \$12 billion by 1990. It actually cost \$110 billion. They are skeptical that centralized experts can predict human behavior accurately enough to socially engineer new programs. Medicare's chief actuary predicted that 400,000 people would sign up for the new health care law's high-risk pools. In fact, only 18,000 have.

They are skeptical that political authorities can, in the long run, resist pressure to hand out free goodies. They are also skeptical that planners can control the unintended effects of their decisions.

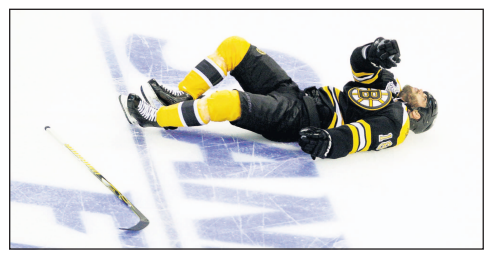
Republicans point out that Medicare has tried to control costs centrally for decades with terrible results. They argue that a decentralized process of trial and error will work better, as long as the underlying incentives are right. They suggest replacing the fee-for-service with a premium support system. Seniors would select from a menu of insurance plans.

Their consumer choices would drive a continual, bottom-up process of innovation. Providers could use local knowledge to meet specific circumstances. □

Bruins' Horton, Canucks' Rome both done for Cup

Boston Bruins right wing Nathan Horton lies on the ice after being checked to the ice by Vancouver Canucks' Aaron Rome during the first period in Game 3 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals in Boston, Monday, June 6, 2011. Rome was called for a 5 minute interference major and a game misconduct.

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In this June 7, 2009 file photo, Tiger Woods, right, holds the trophy next to Jack Nicklaus after winning the Memorial golf tournament in Dublin, Ohio.

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Woods to skip U.S. Open

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — Tiger Woods pulled out of the U.S. Open on Tuesday because of lingering issues with his left leg, leaving him uncertain how soon he can resume his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record for major titles.

It will be the first time Woods has missed the U.S. Open since 1994, when he had just graduated high school.

"I am extremely disappointed that I won't be playing in the U.S. Open, but it's time for me to listen to my doctors and focus on the future," Woods said on his website. "I was hopeful that I could play, but if I did, I risk further damage to my left leg."

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HEAT SHIELD

Ailing Dirk rallies Mavs to Game 4 win

Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (3) passes the ball as he runs into Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA Finals basketball game Tuesday, June 7, 2011, in Dallas.

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AP Sources: NFL players, owners hold secret meetings

BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its players again held talks Tuesday at a secret location, seeking a resolution to the labor impasse. Two people familiar with the meetings confirmed to The Associated Press that the two groups met. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the meetings were supposed to be confidential. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league has no comment on the meeting, first reported by the NFL Network. This is the second time in the last week the two sides have met, including a three-day session outside Chicago that included Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith. The idea is simple: face-to-face negotiations are more likely to lead to a new collective bargaining agreement than court actions. Last Friday, both sides appeared before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, arguing whether the owners' lockout of the players is legal. □

Serena Williams to return at Wimbledon warmup

LONDON (AP) — Serena Williams will make her return from a yearlong injury absence when she contests the Eastbourne tournament next week, signalling she should be fit to defend her Wimbledon title.

A statement from her management released on Tuesday in the U.S. said she accepted a wild card to compete on England's south coast in one of the traditional grass-court warmup events for Wimbledon, which begins on June 20. Williams has not played on tour since winning her 13th Grand Slam singles title at the All England Club last July.

"I am so excited to be healthy enough to compete again," Williams said in the statement.

"These past 12 months have been extremely tough and character building. I have so much to be grateful for. I'm thankful to my family, friends, and fans for all of their support."

"Serena's back!"

Shortly after her Wimbledon win last year, Williams cut her foot on glass at a restaurant in Germany.

She played in an exhibition match in Belgium against Kim Clijsters days later. But when she returned to the United States she had the first of



This Jan. 14, 2009, file photo shows Serena Williams after winning a break point in the third set tie break in her match against Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki during the Sydney International tennis tournament in Sydney, Australia.

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two operations for the injury. The second surgery was in October, and she said she spent 10 weeks in a cast and 10 weeks in a walking boot. The 29-year-old American was then diagnosed in February with blood clots in her lung.

After that, she said she needed treatment for a hematoma — a gathering of blood under the skin — on her stomach. She returned to practice in April, an event she announced via Twitter, posting a picture of herself on court in a pink bodysuit. □



In this photo taken Monday, May 16, 2011, Rice golfer Michael Whitehead waits to hit during a qualifier for the U.S. Open golf tournament at Lakeside Country Club in Houston, Texas. Whitehead will replace Tiger Woods in the U.S. Open, when Woods withdrew from the tournament on Tuesday, June 7, 2011.

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U.S. Open

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My knee and Achilles tendon are not fully healed."

Woods said he hoped to be ready for the AT&T National, which starts June 30 at Aronimink, and the next two majors.

Then again, he said two weeks ago he would do everything possible to be ready for the U.S. Open, which is far more significant.

"We're very disappointed that he won't be playing in the National Open," USGA executive director Mike Davis said, whom Woods called Tuesday morning. "He certainly brings excitement to the event. He'll be missed,

but the U.S. Open will go on. The event is bigger than one player, but he certainly will be missed."

The U.S. Open starts June 16 at Congressional, where Woods won the AT&T National two years ago and tied for 19th when the U.S. Open was last played there in 1997.

Woods was replaced by Michael Whitehead, a senior at Rice who was first alternate from the Dallas qualifier. Whitehead had to win a playoff just to get out of the first stage of 18-hole qualifying, and was stunned to get the news.

"They said on the phone that Tiger has withdrawn from the Open," Whitehead said. □

Mayweather to return against Ortiz in Sept.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Floyd Mayweather Jr. is returning to the ring.

The undefeated six-time world champion announced on his Twitter feed Tuesday he will end a 16-month hiatus when he faces WBC welterweight champion Victor Ortiz on September 17.

Mayweather (41-0, 25 KOs) hasn't fought since a unanimous decision over Shane Mosley on May 1, 2010, and has repeatedly declined to accept a bout against WBO welterweight champ Manny Pacquiao — a dream ticket many boxing fans are eager to witness.

Instead, it was Mosley who squared off with Pacquiao in May, losing to the Filipino star in a lopsided 12-round decision.

Ortiz (29-2-2, 22 KOs) is riding a six-match win streak, most recently defeating Andre Berto in April to claim the WBC crown in a fight many consider the year's best.

"I am ready to return to the ring and give my fans a fantastic night of boxing by fighting the best out there for me; that is Victor Ortiz," Mayweather said in a statement. "At this stage of my career, these are the challenges I look for, a young, strong, rising star looking to make his mark in boxing by beating me."

"Trust me, I will be ready."

The 24-year-old Mexican-American is one of the sport's strongest young fighters.

"I respect Mayweather because he has been a champion for many years and I know he will be ready, but so will I," said Ortiz. "I'm a world champion for a reason and I am not going to let go of my title any time soon. This is going to be a great fight, but I will remain a world champion for many years to come."

The 34-year-old Mayweather's time away from the ring has been riddled with legal troubles.

He faces felony charges in a domestic argument with his ex-girlfriend and two of their children last year. □

Ailing Nowitzki lifts Mavericks, NBA finals tied

JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ALLAS – Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks have pulled off another stunning comeback, tying the NBA finals at two games each.

And this time, Nowitzki did it while battling the flu.

Nowitzki shook off three poor quarters to score 10 of his 21 points in the final period as the Mavericks outscored the Miami Heat 21-9 over the final 10:12 for an 86-83 victory in a memorable Game 4 on Tuesday night.

The Mavs avoided going down 3-1, a deficit no team has ever overcome in the finals, and guaranteed the series will return to Miami for a Game 6 on Sunday night. Game 5 is Thursday in Dallas. "We just played with incredible heart and passion," Dallas center Tyson Chandler said.

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, but fumbled an inbounds pass with 6.7 seconds left. He knocked the ball back to Mike Miller for a potential tying 3-pointer, but it wasn't even close to hitting the rim. Chris Bosh scored 24 points for Miami, but the Heat got a stunningly unproductive game from their biggest star, LeBron James. He scored only eight points, making just 3 of 11 shots. He contributed nine rebounds and seven assists, but his lack of scoring sticks out because of the loss. Nowitzki opened the game

looking just fine, making his first three shots. But then he missed 10 of 11, and missed a free throw for the first time since Game 4 of the conference finals. By then, word spread of his illness.

With the game — and likely the series — on the line, Nowitzki found a way to come through. He made only 2 of 6 shots, but that included a terrific layup with 14.4 seconds left; he made all six of his free throws.

Hey, if he could win Game 2 with a left-handed layup two days after tearing a tendon in the tip of his middle finger, what's a little temperature?

"We all seen him go through walkthroughs," Chandler said. "Every time he started to talk he started coughing. He was wheezing."

Miami was poised to take a commanding lead in the series when Udonis Haslem hit a jumper that made it 74-65 early in the fourth quarter. It was the Heat's biggest lead and the way Nowitzki was playing, the Mavericks didn't seem capable of pulling off another rally like the 22-5 finish that won Game 2.

Yet Jason Terry — who kick-started that comeback with six straight points — made consecutive baskets, and the surge was on. Terry ended up capping it with two free throws with 6.7 seconds left that forced Miami to need a

3-pointer.

Dallas finally got the balanced scoring attack it wanted.

Terry had 17, Shawn Marion 16 and Chandler had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

DeShawn Stevenson, who moved to the bench so J.J. Barea could join the starting lineup, scored 11 points.

Miami, as usual, got little beyond its three superstars. Miller scored six points, Mario Chalmers had five and Haslem and Joel Anthony each scored four points.

The series is up for grabs now. Both teams are 1-1 at home, so all those stats about who wins under various circumstances seem pretty moot.

The bottom line is, it's a best-of-three series now.

It was an electric night from the start, with 20,430 fans again clad in their blue "The Time Is Now" giveaway T-shirts standing and screaming from the time Kelly Clarkson finished the national anthem.

The score was tight most of the night. Each team had its share of runs, but there also were long stretches of trading baskets.

The Mavs made half their shots in the first quarter, but gave up so many offensive rebounds — nine in the first 10 minutes, matching Miami's total for Game 3 — that the Heat tied it after one period despite shooting only 29 percent.



Miami got going in the second quarter, putting together a 12-2 spurt. Soon after Haslem went to the bench with three fouls, Dallas went back ahead being a 9-0 run fueled by defense: a travel, a charge, a shot-clock violation and two turnovers. Then it was Wade's turn.

He made two tough shots, then somehow got a shot to fall after being hit in the body and arms while driving to the rim. That three-point play started a 7-2 jag that left Miami up 47-45 at halftime.

Both teams sensed the game and series was on the line at the start of the third quar-

ter. The action became more physical and both teams were up for the challenge, putting together six lead changes and five ties in the first 6:11.

In one flurry, Bosh hit a jumper with a man in his face, Barea darted to the rim and somehow got up a shot that then spun off the backboard and rim before falling, followed by Wade making a jumper over Marion as the shot clock was running out. Marion walked away shaking his head, smirking and saying, "I don't know, I don't know."

Then Marion came back and banked in a hook shot over James. □

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Stanley Cup

Bruins beat Canucks 8-1, trail series 2-1

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Bruins overcome serious injury to a teammate to belatedly rediscover their offensive rhythm and beat the Vancouver Canucks 8-1 on Monday, cutting the deficit in the NHL's Stanley Cup finals to 2-1.

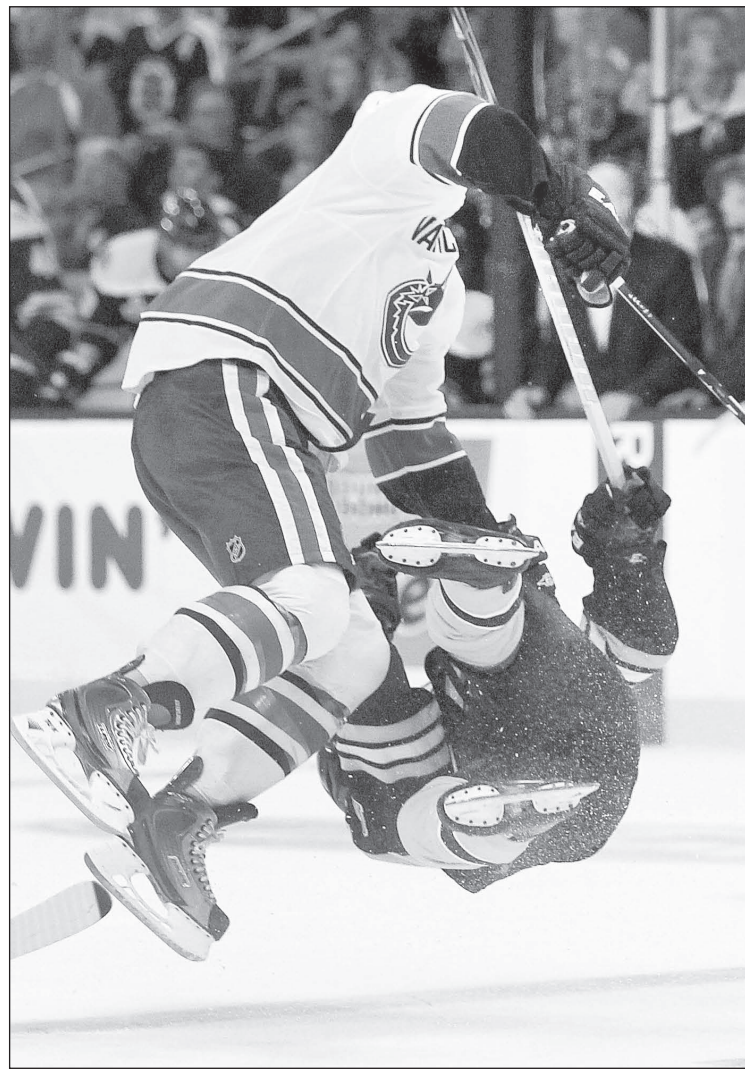
Nathan Horton was attended to for several minutes by medics and stretchered off the ice after a late hit to the head by Vancouver defenseman Aaron Rome.

An inspired Boston responded, with Andrew Ference and David Krejci each having a goal and an assist during a four-goal second period.

Mark Recchi scored two goals and Tim Thomas made 40 saves for the Bruins, who turned a big win into a blow-out with four more goals in the final 8½ minutes of the third period against beleaguered Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo.

Boston emerged from its offensive slump after Horton's injury.

"It's always tough when a guy goes down," said forward Brad Marchand, who scored a short-handed goal in the second period. "We really wanted to get this win tonight for him. It's a very tough situation, and everyone is worried about him, but it definitely



In this Monday, June 6, 2011 photo, Vancouver Canucks defenseman Aaron Rome, left, checks Boston Bruins right wing Nathan Horton to the ice during the first period in Game 3 of the NHL hockey Stanley Cup Finals in Boston.

Associated Press

gave us motivation to win." Daniel Paille added another short-handed goal in the third before Recchi, Chris Kelly and Michael Ryder — who finished with three points — scored in the final 2½ minutes

as the Bruins emphatically avoided a daunting 0-3 series deficit. Boston had managed just three goals in its previous 10 periods. The Bruins hadn't scored more than five goals in

a finals game since 1970, on the way to their most recent championship.

They were one goal shy of equaling the finals record of nine goals, set by Detroit in Game 2 of the 1936 series and matched by Toronto six years later in Game 5. The eight goals were the most scored in a finals game since 1996.

Jannik Hansen scored with 6:07 to play for the Canucks, who finally hit a major bump in their late-season roll toward their first Stanley Cup title.

"In the playoffs, a loss is a loss, if you lose in OT or you lose like we did tonight," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said.

Game 4 is Wednesday in Boston.

The excitement of Boston's first home finals game in 21 years turned into unease just 5 minutes into Game 3.

After Horton passed the puck, Rome left his feet to deliver a hard shoulder check to Horton's upper chest and head. Horton appeared to be unconscious after he landed flat on his back, his arm reaching up into empty space in a tell-tale sign of a heavy concussion.

"It was a blindside hit that we've talked about taking out of the game," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "That's my view on it. Let the league take care of it. We're trying to clean that part of the game

out."

Medical personnel spent several minutes attending to Horton, who scored the Bruins' winning Game 7 goals in the first round against Montreal and again in the Eastern Conference finals against Tampa Bay.

"I never want to see any player leave in that situation," Vigneault said. "The hit seemed to be a little bit late. ... That was a head-on hit, player looking at his pass. It was a little bit late. I don't think that's the hit the league is trying to take out."

Rome got a five-minute major for interference and a game misconduct, with at least one fan throwing a towel at the Vancouver bench while Rome went to the dressing room.

The Boston crowd rose and cheered several minutes later when a scoreboard message told them Horton could move his arms and legs when he was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital.

Boston fans already were upset with the Canucks after two bad-tempered games in Vancouver, including Alex Burrows' apparent bite on Patrice Bergeron's finger during Game 1. The bite was still on the minds of both teams, with players from both teams taunting their opponents by pointing their index finger at another player's mouth. □

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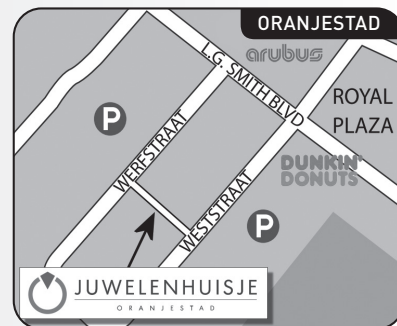
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NL Roundup

Brewers complete rare four-game sweep, beat Marlins



Milwaukee Brewers' Prince Fielder, right, drops his bat after hitting a three-run home run as Florida Marlins catcher John Buck, left, looks on in the third inning during a baseball game in Miami, Monday, June 6, 2011.

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MIAMI (AP) — Prince Fielder homered and drove in four runs to help the Milwaukee Brewers complete their first four-game sweep in three seasons, beating the Florida Marlins 7-2 in the National League on Monday. Fielder hit a three-run homer, his 14th of the season, and added an RBI single. Ryan Braun had two hits and scored twice for the Brewers, who were 5 for 10 with run-

ners in scoring position. Milwaukee starter Zack Greinke (5-1) allowed two runs in seven innings, winning his fifth consecutive decision and lowering his ERA to 4.83. The Marlins lost a season-worst fifth game in a row. The Brewers are 20-6 overall since May 9; the best record in the majors.

Phillies 3, Dodgers 1

In Philadelphia, Cliff Lee hit double-digit strikeouts for

the sixth time this season, fanning 10 in seven shutout innings to lead Philadelphia over Los Angeles.

Lee (5-5) bounced back from one of his worst starts of the season with one of his best. He walked only one, while continuing to strike out batters at a career-best rate. He has 15 career games with double-digit strikeouts — six this season.

Ryan Madson allowed a run

in the ninth before finishing for his 13th save.

Giants 5, Nationals 4, 13 innings

In San Francisco, Freddy Sanchez hit a game-ending single with two outs in the 13th inning as San Francisco came from four runs down to beat Washington. Chris Stewart drew a lead-off walk against Craig Stammen (0-1) to start the winning rally. After a strikeout, Andres Torres singled. Miguel Tejada hit into a fielder's choice to move Stewart to third before Sanchez lined a pitch from Stammen down the line in right.

Javier Lopez (3-1) retired all four batters he faced for the victory.

Rockies 3, Padres 0

In San Diego, Clayton Mortensen and five Colorado relievers combined to shut out San Diego.

Mortensen (2-3) went six innings before giving way to the bullpen. Huston Street pitched a perfect ninth for the save.

Padres starter Clayton Richard (2-7) took the loss despite one of his better starts this season, giving up one run in seven innings and striking out a season-best eight.

Reds 8, Cubs 2

In Cincinnati, Jonny Gomes hit a three-run homer and drove in four runs overall as Cincinnati sent a frustrated Chicago to its seventh straight loss.

Gomes' only two homers since April 17 both set up home wins over the Cubs.

Chicago's slump is its longest since it also dropped seven in a row last July 27-Aug. 3.

Subs starter Matt Garza (2-5) came off the disabled list and lasted only four innings, giving up four runs. Opposing pitcher Mike Leake (5-2) had an RBI single off Garza and took the win.

In other NL games it was Philadelphia 3, L.A. Dodgers 1; Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2; Milwaukee 7, Florida 2; Colorado 3, San Diego 0; and San Francisco 5, Washington 4, 13 innings. □

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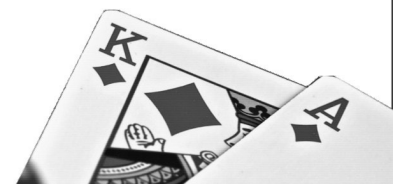
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How Sweet It Is!

By: Dr Carlos Viana

Sugar, like honey, darling, or 'Dushi' in our native language Papiamentu, are terms of endearment which come from that sweet tasting substance we often give our children or ourselves as a reward. Sweet! Or, is it? Everyone knows that sugar leads to tooth decay and obesity. But, what is sugar? Studies show that when whole foods such as fruits are eaten, naturally occurring sugars are released slowly during digestion into the blood stream and can be used by the body for energy. However, when foods with "added" sugars such as soft drinks or candy are eaten, absorption is rapid. This rapid absorption causes the blood sugar level to quickly rise and then fall weakening the body's natural supply of nutrients leading to numerous health problems. Actually, there are three types of sugars. They include: synthetic, regular; and sugar- alcohols. The different sugars are not created equal; in fact they behave quite differently in our bodies. We can evaluate the obesity causing or weight gain possibility of a food by checking the food's Glycemic Index. The glycemic index or GI describes this difference by ranking foods according to their effect on our blood glucose levels. Carbohydrates that break down quickly during digestion and release glucose rapidly into the bloodstream have a high GI; carbohydrates that break down more slowly, releasing glucose more gradually into the bloodstream, have a low GI. Choosing low GI foods - the ones that produce only small fluctuations in our blood glucose and insulin levels - is the secret to

long-term health reducing your risk of heart disease and diabetes and is the key to sustainable weight loss.

Artificial sweeteners, also called sugar substitutes, are manmade chemicals found while trying to develop new insecticides. These chemicals are used instead of table sugar to sweeten foods and beverages. Every artificial sugar has been shown to produce cancer in laboratory animals! Aspartame has been linked to panic attacks, mood changes, visual hallucinations, manic episodes, and isolated dizziness. As if these facts are not enough, saccharin can also cause anemia, or "tired blood".

There are more problems for artificial sugars. Artificial sweeteners like Splenda and Sweet'N Low have been popular for decades, as a way to enjoy sweet foods and beverages and not gain the weight associated with sugar. However, studies from Purdue University shows that these artificial chemicals can actually make people eat more, contributing to the obesity epidemic.

By the way, I rank high fructose corn syrup as an artificial sugar. In your body High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) cannot be broken down and used for energy and, instead converts to fat. HFCS has a Glycemic Index (GI) of 100. Ouch, 100 is the highest GI number possible. We informed, Clinical Nutritionists have known all along that natural sugar is not the enemy it once was thought for managing diabetes. Doctors used to feel that eating sugar would spike blood glucose levels too high and too fast. All natural sugars are carbohy-

drates which are broken down and used for energy or metabolized at the same rate as any carbohydrate. Natural sugar can be consumed as part of your total carbohydrates for that day. Planning your total daily carbs and having a small portion of a favorite dessert made with a natural sugar is not necessarily a bad thing. Unfortunately, many foods that contain artificial sweeteners end up having more calories and fat than they would have had when made with sugar. The Glycemic Index of real brown sugar is 70, white sugar is 68, maple syrup is 65 and honey is 55.

The third type of sugars is sugar alcohols. These are neither sugar nor alcohol. Small amounts are found naturally in fruits and vegetables. They can also be manufactured and include: Lactitol, Maltitol, Mannitol, Polyols, Sorbitol, Polydextrose Xylitol and several more. These alcohol-sugars are only partly absorbed by your body, increase blood glucose more slowly and have fewer calories than regular sugar. One of these, Xylitol, is easily produced and has become widely available. I recommend Xylitol often to our patients. There's more, Xylitol can be used the same way as white or brown sugar, tastes nearly the same, but is very low in calories for those counting and the Glycemic Index for Xylitol is only 7! This puts xylitol in the same category as foods such as vegetables, beans, whole grains, and nuts. How sweet is that?

With such a low Glycemic Index, xylitol is a natural for people with insulin resistance. Xylitol can help insulin carry blood sugar into your

cells for conversion to energy. This means that xylitol can improve the effects of diabetes medication. Diabetics should remember to eat a meal when they take their medication.

Discovered in the 1890's, xylitol underwent intensive studies in the 1960's and 70's. Xylitol is now used in Europe, the Soviet Union, the United States and Canada. In 1983, the World Health Organization Expert Committee on Food Additives evaluated Xylitol as safe.

The news gets even better. A recent study noted xylitol significantly reduced the ability of bacteria to produce dental cavities. Many studies have proven xylitol's usefulness in promoting wound-healing and interruption of bacterial colonies. Xylitol was even shown to help reduce antibiotic resistance and uncontrolled Staph. aureus infections. There have also been several studies looking at Xylitol's effectiveness against Strep pneumonia, the major bacteria in both sinus and ear infections. Medical research on xylitol suggests a new approach for prevention and treatment of infection without the concern about antibiotic resistance and overuse or inappropriate usage of medications. Wow! I love sending people to cleanse their sinuses in our warm Caribbean sea, but if you can't get ocean, Xylitol comes in a nasal spray. Besides using Xylitol as a sweetener, products containing Xylitol like toothpaste, mouthwash, even dental gum, are proving themselves to be very effective.

Get The Point! Safety data on xylitol usage has been extensive. While much of the research has centered on xylitol's



tol's dental benefits, studies have also included diabetes since Xylitol is metabolized in the human body independently of insulin levels; wound; upper respiratory health including sinusitis, prevention of ear infections, calcium absorption; and even some skin problems. Trying to figure out how many and what types of carbs a day are healthy for you? Come in for a clinical nutrition evaluation and personal diet. Meanwhile, switch to Xylitol and see how sweet it is!

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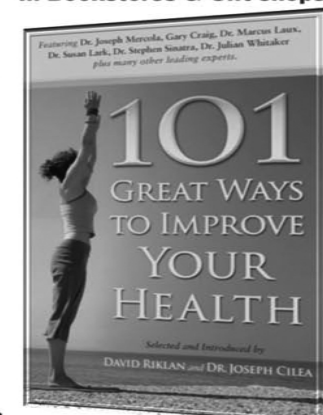
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Airlines aim to take hassle out of security checks

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Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Eye scanners and futuristic security tunnels may be standard in airports soon as the airline industry seeks to maintain safety while reducing the hassles of boarding a plane that deter some people from flying.

The International Air Transport Association unveiled a mock-up Tuesday in Singapore of what it dubbed the “Checkpoint of the Future,” where passengers separated by security risk would walk through one of three high-tech, 20-foot-long tunnels that can quickly scan shoes and carry-on luggage and check for liquids and explosives.

“Passengers should be able to get from curb to boarding gate with dignity,” IATA Director General Giovanni Bisignani said. “That means without stopping, stripping or unpacking, and certainly not groping.”

Airlines are seeking ways to win back passengers put off by long and irritating airport security measures who have

opted to travel instead by train, boat or car. IATA said Monday it expects the industry’s profit this year to plummet to \$4 billion from \$18 billion last year.

U.S. Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole said he thinks IATA’s security system, which it hopes to implement within five years, is a great idea.

“It’s something that’s long overdue,” Pistole said at IATA’s annual conference. “We’re not at the checkpoint of the future yet but we’re working toward that. I think eventually we will see something similar.”

The TSA has been working for the last six months on developing a system that could differentiate passengers by security risk to cut down on needless checks, Pistole said. “One size does not fit all,” Pistole said.

The TSA will likely start a pilot program this year in some airports that allows frequent flyers or other travelers with clean records to receive minimal checks, he said. □

Japan online retailer Rakuten buys Brazil’s Ikeda

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TOKYO (AP) — Rakuten Inc. said Tuesday it bought a majority stake in Brazilian e-commerce company Ikeda, adding to a growing list of overseas deals inked by the Japanese online retailer.

The latest acquisition marks the Tokyo-based company’s entry into South America and a rapidly growing emerging market that is home to 40 percent of Latin America’s Internet users.

Rakuten said in a statement it acquired a 75 percent stake in Ikeda, which provides major Brazilian retailers with e-commerce platforms. It did not disclose the investment amount.

“Together, we will share our expertise, and create a unique and powerful approach for merchants to not only take advantage of the exciting ecommerce market in Brazil,

but also to expand their reach worldwide,” Rakuten founder and chief executive Hiroshi Mikitani said.

Rakuten is Japan’s biggest player in Internet retailing, but Mikitani has made it a priority to expand Rakuten’s business worldwide. Like other Japanese companies, Rakuten faces an aging, shrinking population at home that is pushing corporate executives to seek growth abroad.

It accelerated its global drive last year, buying U.S. online retailer Buy.com in May 2010 and French Internet PriceMinister S.A. in June. Rakuten also formed joint ventures with Chinese search engine operator Baidu Inc. and PT Global Mediacom in Indonesia.

E-commerce in Brazil is projected to grow 18 percent annually, with total sales hitting \$22 billion by 2016, Rakuten said. □



Delegates explore a prototype of an advance security screening system developed by IATA on Tuesday June 7, 2011 in Singapore during the Executive Briefing on Aviation in a Dangerous World at The Air Transport Association (IATA) 67th Annual General Meeting and World Air Transport Summit held in the city-state over 3-days. Associated Press.

Sony unveils next-gen portable device ‘Vita’

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AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sony Corp. took the wraps off its next generation portable gaming machine, PlayStation Vita, a touch-interface and motion-sensitive handheld that outdoes its workhorse PlayStation Portable and will go on sale before the winter holidays.

Company executives have called the device Sony’s biggest product launch since the PlayStation 3 five years ago.

The device will allow gamers to be connected with one another over cellphone networks and Wi-Fi hotspots, and use GPS location-tracking technology. In the U.S., Sony is partnering exclusively with AT&T Inc. for cellphone service.

The device, available for \$249 for its Wi-Fi-only version, was unveiled Monday at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the video game industry’s annual convention known as E3.

A version that will also have



A video screen shows off Sony Corporation’s next generation portable gaming machine, PlayStationVita, as it displays a forthcoming game called “ModNation Racers,” during a news conference the E3 Gaming Convention in Los Angeles, Monday, June 6, 2011. Associated Press

cellphone service will retail for \$299, and buyers will have to subscribe to a cellular data plan.

The handheld has front and back cameras, a touchscreen in front, a touch pad on the back and two knob-like joysticks. It will enable gamers to play against people using PlayStation 3 consoles over the Internet-based PlayStation Network, a system that was

recently restored after being shut down due to a massive hacking attack.

Sony apologized again for the outage and said since the network was restored, activity is back to 90 percent of the pre-attack level.

The hardware comes with an accelerometer, which means it will also react to being held at different angles and being moved through the air. □

Prada plans Hong Kong IPO to raise up to \$2.6B

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HONG KONG (AP) — Italian fashion house Prada SpA plans to raise up to \$2.6 billion in a listing on Hong Kong's stock exchange, according to a person familiar with the deal, joining other foreign companies flocking to cash in on China's rising fortunes. Prada plans to sell some 423.3 million shares in range of 36.50 to 48 Hong Kong dollars, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to comment officially. If the shares are sold at the top of the indicative price range, Prada would raise HK\$20.3 billion (\$2.6 billion). The price will be finalized on June 17 and the shares will start trading on June 24, the person said. The company was founded in 1913 in Milan by Mario Prada and started out making leather bags, trunks and crystal but its modern designs have helped it become a symbol of high fashion. It now also owns the Miu Miu, Church's and Car Shoes brands. The company is privately held, with President Miuccia Prada and Chief Executive Officer Patrizio Bertelli each owning 33.2 percent. Miuccia Prada's brother Alberto Prada and sister Marina Prada each own 14.2 percent. Their stakes are owned through a holding company. The remaining 5.1 percent is owned by Italian bank Intesa Sanpaolo. Prada is the latest in a string of companies going public in Hong Kong, attracted by the surging economy of its massive neighbor China that is minting millionaires and billionaires at a rapid clip. Hong Kong is a Chinese territory but has its own currency and legal system. According to The Hurun Report, China's version of the Forbes Rich List, the number of people worth at least 10 million yuan (\$1.5 million) grew by about 10 percent to 960,000 people in 2011. China's newly wealthy are spending their money on a wide range of luxury goods,



Italian fashion designer Miuccia Prada and her husband Patrizio Bertelli, also Prada's chief executive, walk past a Prada logo during an investors launching presentation ahead of Prada's IPO in Hong Kong Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Associated Press

including designer clothing, flashy cars and expensive apartments. Airplane makers and shipyards are predicting that rich Chinese will propel sales of superyachts and private jets while Chinese collectors have helped turn Hong Kong into the world's third-largest auction center. □

HSBC pays \$63 million to settle Madoff lawsuit

LONDON (AP) — HSBC Holdings PLC says it has agreed to pay \$62.5 million to settle a lawsuit brought by a hedge fund that lost money from the Bernard Madoff fraud. The bank said Tuesday it would pay the money to investors in Thema International Fund PLC, an Ireland-based fund that brought a class-action lawsuit in New York. At the time Thema, an Ireland-based fund, funneled

Price-fixing lawsuit costs British Air \$89.5M

NEW YORK (AP) — British Airways has agreed to pay \$89.5 million to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging that it conspired with other airlines to fix prices for hauling cargo. The settlement covers actions between 2000 and 2006. It still needs approval by a federal judge in New York. The law firm that led the cases says the settlement is the 11th from airlines around the world, for a total of al-



This is a Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010 file photo of a woman as she carries a child past a logo outside the headquarters of Cadbury in Birmingham, England. Associated Press

United Kingdom considers tougher approach to foreign takeovers

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AP Business Writer

LONDON (AP) — What do Britain's major airports, most of its utilities, the top drug-store chain, one of its biggest brewers and the maker of the nation's favorite chocolate bar have in common? All are owned by foreign companies. They have been snapped up in recent years in a rash of takeovers that is raising concerns about how much of this island nation has fallen to profit-seeking investors from

money to Madoff Securities, various HSBC units provided custodial and administrative services to the fund. The lawsuit alleges that the bank should have known about the fraud. The bank said the settlement, which is subject to U.S. court approval, did not amount to any admission of wrongdoing. It is thought to be the first settlement by a fund custodian related to the huge Ponzi scheme. □

most \$434 million. The firm also says Lan Airlines SA, Lan Cargo, and Aerolinhas Brasileiras SA have agreed to pay \$66 million to settle. The allegations also resulted in a massive criminal investigation. So far, 21 airlines including British Airways have agreed to pay fines totaling more than \$1.7 billion. Nineteen executives have been charged with wrongdoing, and four have gone to prison. □

abroad. While the United States and many European countries have strict regulations barring foreign control of many businesses, Britain has been largely content in the belief it has more to gain than lose from its relaxed takeover rules. But last year's controversial \$18.5 billion takeover by Kraft Foods Inc. of 195-year-old Cadbury PLC, maker of the Dairy Milk bar, stirred up nationalist sentiment and prompted the government to consider a tightening of the legislation. With its decision on a so-called Cadbury Law due in just a few weeks, debate is raging about whether Britain should become more protectionist. On the one hand, unions argue that more foreign takeovers hurt Britons' job prospects. On the other, businesses and legal experts say that putting up barriers to entry will block crucial investment and encourage tit-for-tat practices. Britain has consistently attracted more foreign direct investment than any other European country. According to analytics firm Dealogic, foreigners have spent more than \$1 trillion on acquiring 5,400 British companies in the past decade. The British, in return, have spent \$750 billion on 6,000 companies. That trend has ratcheted higher in recent years, with overseas buyers attracted by the weak British pound and the country's comparatively relaxed tax laws. Last year, foreign purchasers accounted for 54 percent of the 113 takeovers, compared with just 40 percent in 2009,

according to London-based law firm Wedlake Bell. Among the foreign owners are Spanish infrastructure firm Ferrovial, which bought Heathrow Airport owner BAA in 2006 for 10.3 billion pounds, while French utility EDF acquired British Energy in 2008. Car manufacturer Jaguar Land Rover, meanwhile, is on its third foreign owner, Tata Motors of India. Potential future targets include banknote printer De La Rue, oil firm BP, food group United Biscuits, the London Stock Exchange, gas company Centrica and software manufacturer Invensys.

"It is an endorsement of the health of our public markets that so many overseas companies are interested in investing in London-listed companies," said Tim Bird, a partner at law firm Wedlake Bell. "However, we should be concerned that British firms do not have the firepower to be the hunter rather than the hunted as it suggests that U.K. companies are still relatively weak coming out of the financial crisis and the recession." Many are worried the country's liberal takeover regime makes Britain's companies easy targets to predators from countries — mainly the United States, France, India and China — that do not allow anywhere near the same level of foreign access in return. In the U.S., poison pill defenses — corporate plans to discourage takeovers — are still legal and many states have laws preventing foreign takeovers. □

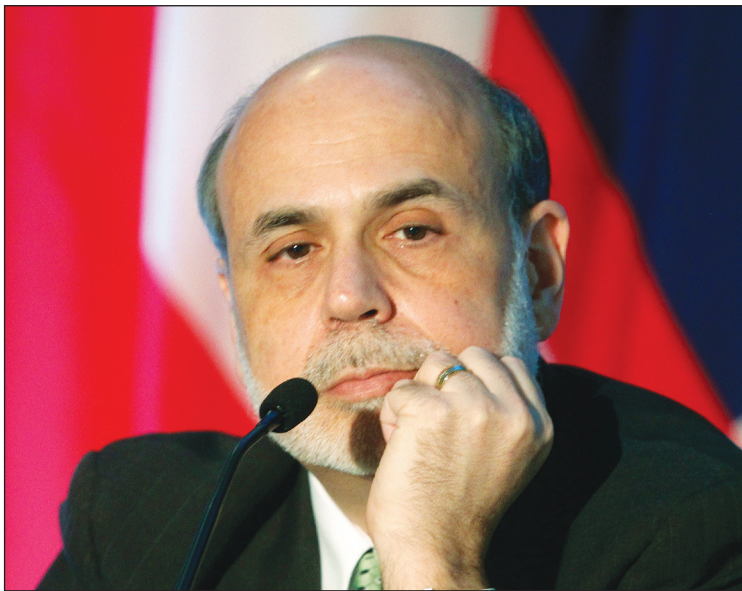
Bernanke: Economy slowing but faster growth ahead

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke noted Tuesday that the U.S. job market and the economy have weakened in recent weeks. But he said that's mainly because of higher gas prices and the Japan crises — factors that should ease in coming months — and predicted growth would strengthen later this year. Bernanke made no mention of any new steps the Fed might take to boost the economy. The Fed's \$600 billion Treasury bond-buying program is ending this month. The program was intended to keep interest rates low

to strengthen the economy. But critics said it raised the risk of high inflation. The Fed chairman said the economy still needs the benefit of low interest rates. The Fed is scheduled to meet in two weeks and is widely expected to keep those rates at record lows. Stocks fell after Bernanke began speaking. The Dow Jones industrial average erased gains made earlier in the day and close down for the fifth straight day, as did broader indexes. Bernanke noted the May jobs report released last week was disappointing. It showed the unemployment rate rose to 9.1 percent and the economy added just

54,000 jobs, the fewest in eight months. But he said he expected job creation and overall economic growth would rebound in coming months. "Overall, the economic recovery appears to be continuing at a moderate pace, albeit at a rate that is both uneven across sectors and frustratingly slow from the perspective of millions of unemployed and underemployed workers," Bernanke said in his remarks to an international banking conference in Atlanta. Bernanke said the central bank would not consider the recovery to be well established "until we see a sustained period of stronger job creation."



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke listens to a question during a speech to a meeting of the International Monetary Committee in Atlanta, Tuesday June 7, 2011. Associated Press

energy, inflation has been tame, he noted.

He also noted that supply chain disruptions stemming from the March earthquake and tsunami in Japan have hampered growth in the April-June quarter. But he said the impact on manufacturing output is likely to ease in the coming months. Bernanke disagreed with critics who say the Fed's policies are raising inflation risks by weakening the dollar and contributing to the jump in oil and commodity prices. □

Companies pulled back on job postings in April



A customer opens the front door of a California Pizza Kitchen with a hiring sign in foreground in Palo Alto, Calif., Wednesday, May 25, 2011. More people applied for unemployment benefits last week, the first increase in three weeks and evidence that the job market is still sluggish. Associated Press

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WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. businesses advertised fewer jobs in April than the previous month, a sign that hiring could slow further in the coming months. Employers posted 3 million job openings, down from 3.1 million from March, the Labor Department said Tuesday. Job openings have been stuck at about 3 million for three months. Job growth slowed sharply in May, according to the monthly employment report released Friday. Employers added a net total of only 54,000 positions, down from an average of 220,000 per

month in each of the previous three months. The unemployment rate rose to 9.1 percent from 9 percent. That report raised concerns among many analysts that without more jobs, the economy will remain anemic for much of this year. Openings fell across most sectors in the economy. There were fewer positions advertised in education and health care, at hotels and restaurants, and with professional and business services — accountants, engineers and legal services. Job openings rose in retail and construction. Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, or JOLTS, suggests that the pace of hiring won't pick

Singapore to take No. 2 gambling spot from Vegas

MACAU (AP) — Asia will boast the world's two biggest casino markets as early as this year, with Singapore set to take the No. 2 spot from Las Vegas, a U.S. gambling industry group said Tuesday. Frank Fahrenkopf, president of the American Gaming Association, said Singapore raked in \$5.1 billion in gaming revenue last year and could bring in up to \$6.4 billion this year. The city-state opened its first two casinos last year. Las Vegas, which lost its No. 1 spot to Macau in 2006, earned \$5.8 billion in casino revenue last year, but is a mature market with little potential for big growth. Fahrenkopf made the predic-



Frank Fahrenkopf, president of the American Gaming Association attends at the news conference of the Global Gaming Expo Asia in Macau Tuesday, June 7, 2011. Associated Press

tion at the start of a gambling industry conference in Macau. "It's going to be an extremely good year," in Singapore and Macau, he said. Casino revenue in Macau will probably grow 25 to 50 percent this year, Fahrenkopf said. Gambling revenue in Macau, the world's most lucrative gambling market, hit \$23.5 billion last year and monthly revenue has grown by at least 42 percent from February to May. Fahrenkopf warned that Macau faces several problems that could put a damper on continued growth, including a labor shortage and lack of infrastructure as well as a government cap on the number of new gambling tables until 2013. □

Gaga gives thanks at CFDA fashion award event

NEW YORK (AP) — It seems the fashion crowd, especially when fully decked out for Monday night's Council of Fashion Designers of America awards, can be pretty intimidating: CNN anchor Anderson Cooper said so, actress Naomi Watts said so, and even Lady Gaga said so. On stage to accept her award as the year's top style icon, a soft-spoken, maybe even teary-eyed Gaga said she was nervous. "All of you made me feel like a star before I was," she told the audience at Lincoln Center that boasted bold-faced names such as Marc Jacobs, Anna Wintour, Diane von Furstenberg, Donna Karan and Michael Kors. She talked about how important fashion was in her life as a pathway to self-discovery, artistry and confidence. As a teenager, she'd save her money to buy vintage Thierry Mugler from a neighborhood thrift shop, checking in with the salesman regularly to make sure her favorite pieces hadn't sold while she was raising the cash. She planned her outfits for Friday night

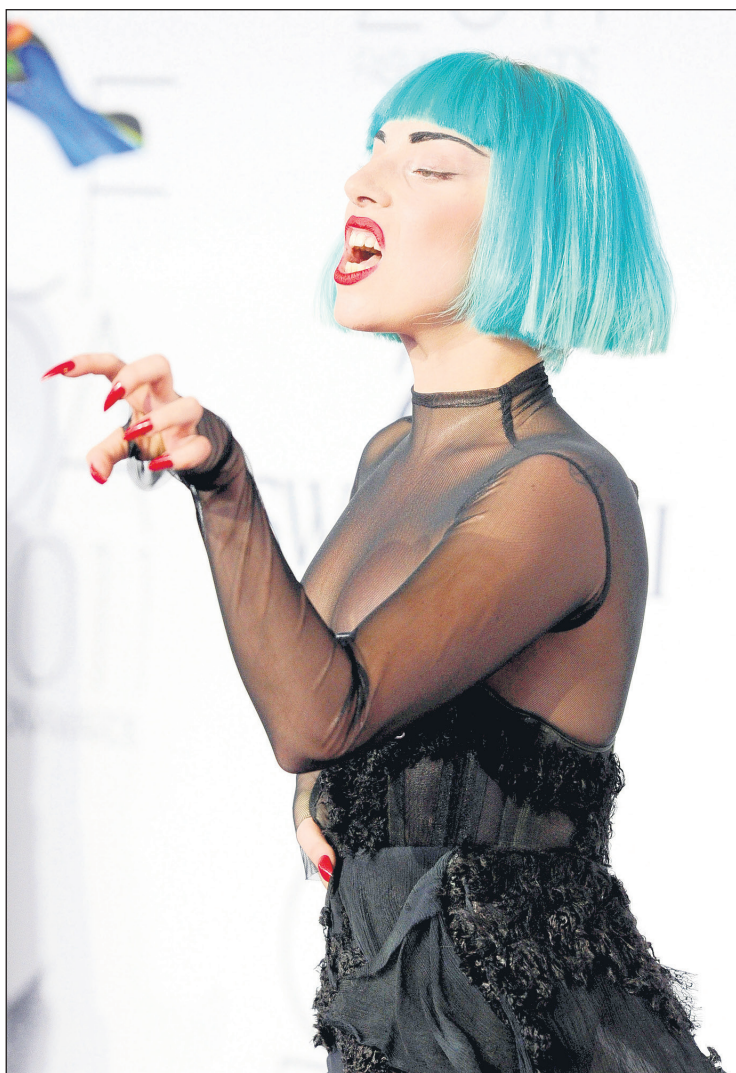
parties as if she was going to the Oscars, she said.

"As much as this award means to me personally ... I just want you to know how much this means to young Americans," Gaga said.

But the music star and style risk-taker, wearing a corset get-up by Mugler, a label now helmed by her friend Nicola Formichetti, got her swagger back as she recalled getting the text message from Wintour that she was picked for the prize.

She said she thought the message was from a friend named Anna and replied with a bleep-worthy response. The text back from the Vogue editor-in-chief said, "How lovely."

That led to laughter — and so did Cooper's montage of his early days as a preteen model. Cooper, a longtime friend of CFDA president von Furstenberg, said he decided to show his photos to prove his fashion cred since he was acting



the winners in the Swarovski emerging-talent categories: Eddie Borgo for accessories, Robert Geller for menswear and Prabal Gurung for womenswear.

Kurkova took a moment to sing for Gaga — "I'm your biggest fan," she said — and then Gurung asked during his speech if he could pose with Gaga. "That will make me the coolest uncle," he boasted.

But it was the nod from his fellow designers as well as retailers, stylists and editors that the rest of his family would find impressive, Gurung said. "I'm just a guy from Nepal. I will call my mother and say, 'It's OK. I turned out fine.'"

The two standing ovations of the night went to photographer Arthur Elgort and designer Marc Jacobs, who was there for his "half-lifetime achievement award," according to presenter Sofia Coppola.

"This achievement is born of love, passion, creativity ... and a hell of a lot of hard work," said Jacobs, who is 48. □

BET to honor LaBelle, Harvey

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Patti LaBelle will be recognized for her five decades in music and Steve Harvey will be honored for his philanthropic contributions at this year's BET Awards. BET says LaBelle will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and Harvey will accept the Humanitarian Award at the annual ceremony, which honors actors, athletes, musicians, movies and music videos.

This year's top nominee is Chris Brown, who is up for six awards and is set to perform on the live show. Jill Scott and Alicia Keys are also slated to perform.

The BET Awards '11 will air live June 26 from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on BET. □



Actress Emmanuelle Chriqui attends the 2011 CFDA Fashion Awards at Alice Tully Hall in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

Singer Lady Gaga attends the 2011 CFDA Fashion Awards at Alice Tully Hall in New York.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

as master of ceremonies. (He also is the son of former designer jeans magnate Gloria Vanderbilt and worked as a fit model for both Calvin Klein and Ralph Lauren, who made his tuxedo.)

"There was no way you'd be critical," he joked, "or that's what Diane said, anyway." Watts, dressed in a metallic T-shirt-style gown by Francisco Costa for Calvin Klein, presented the top womenswear honor to Jack McCollough and Lazaro Hernandez of Proenza Schouler. But she seemed to find the awkward walk across a long stage intimidating in her high heels. "That was easy," she said as she reached the podium. "Fun doing it in a room full of supermodels."

Top models Doutzen Kroes, Karlie Kloss, Miranda Kerr, Alessandra Ambrosio and Chanel Iman were indeed in the house, on the arms of their favorite designers. Karolina Kurkova, in a striking hooded jumpsuit made of green sequins, read the names of

Marvel to take on John Carter novels

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Carter — Edgar Rice Burroughs' other famous pulp creation — is having his stories told anew thanks to an agreement between Marvel Entertainment and the author's estate that will return the Earth-born adventurer's Martian adventures to comic books. Marvel said Tuesday that it will do new graphic novel adaptations of Burroughs' Martian series, starting with "John Carter, Warlord of Mars," as a five-issue mini-series in September. Burroughs is best known for his creation of Tarzan. The first mini-series will be written by Roger Langridge and drawn by Filipe Andrade. □

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Entertainment Briefs

Stewart cuts hand taping Weiner skit

NEW YORK (AP) — The story about a U.S. congressman's use of Twitter to send a lewd photo to a woman has been awkward for comic Jon Stewart, a friend of the lawmaker.

On Tuesday, it proved painful. Stewart broke a glass and gashed his hand while taping a skit about U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner on Comedy Central's satirical "The Daily Show." The taping was briefly stopped so a bleeding Stewart could get medical attention, then resumed after he was bandaged up.

Network spokesman Steve Albani said the accident was left in Tuesday's show. Stewart and Weiner briefly roomed together when they were younger, a point "The Daily Show" host noted over the past week.

That hasn't stopped Stewart from making fun of his friend, who admitted Monday to inappropriate online contact with women he met on social networks.

Tuesday's skit featured Stewart in a mock news conference designed to resemble Weiner's from the day earlier.

Stewart broke the glass when the script called for him to make a margarita. □

Bill Murray visits FDR's home for film role

HYDE PARK, New York (AP) — Academy Award-nominated actor Bill Murray has checked out Franklin D. Roosevelt's old upstate New York digs as he prepares for a turn as the former president in a film set on the eve of World War II. The "Caddyshack" and "Ghostbusters" star spent several hours Sunday in Hyde Park, which is the setting for Richard Nelson's screenplay, "Hyde Park on Hudson."

The film centers on the June 1939 visit of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to FDR's Hudson Valley home.

The movie is being directed by Roger Michell, who helmed "Notting Hill." Laura Linney is cast as FDR's distant cousin Margaret "Daisy" Suckley, with whom the 32nd president had a close relationship. Filming starts next month. Release is scheduled for 2012. □

Out now: Hillary Clinton, the comic book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's political career has taken so many turns it has now spawned two comic books. The former first lady and U.S. senator, onetime presidential hopeful and current secretary of state is the subject of a comic book hitting stores Wednesday, the latest in a series of celebrity biographies by Bluewater Productions Inc. Those previously profiled include entertainment stars like Lady Gaga and Justin Bieber, and fellow politicians from President Barack Obama and Sarah Palin to Clinton herself two years ago.

The comic, illustrated by Daniel Fitz, is unauthorized. But publisher Darren Davis says his company is playing it straight with history and politics.

State Department officials said they had no knowledge of Wednesday's planned release. □

Surfing Madonna mosaic draws following in US

JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

ENCINITAS, California

(AP) — The surfing Madonna appeared just before Easter weekend and has been stirring a soulful debate in this

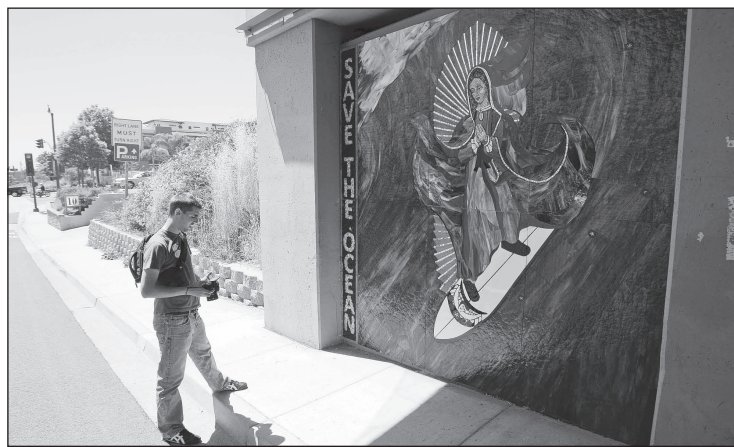
with guerrilla artists gaining respect in established art circles. A number of museums have brought the street art indoors for prestigious exhibits in recent years, while pieces of illegal art snatched up by

the neighborhood. The exhibit included Chaz Bojorquez's stark, black-and-white "Señor Suerte" drawings, once a fixture on the concrete-lined waterways of Los Angeles, and the colorful "Howard the Duck" murals that Lee Quiñones covered New York City with in the 1970s.

Support for the wave-riding Virgin has only flourished amid the controversy. She is now on Twitter and Facebook, pleading for help: "I'm the Surfing Madonna. Cherished public mosaic. Hangin' in Encinitas. Hoping to become famous enough to be saved."

Jack Quick, a local art dealer, saw the men in hard hats put up the mosaic in daylight just days before Easter. He estimates it cost \$1,000 in materials and more than 100 hours to build it. The city does not know which artist or artists did the work. No one has stepped forward.

Inside a piercing blue wave, Our Lady of Guadalupe balances on a white surf board decorated with the angelic face of Juan Diego, the indigenous boy who is said to have seen the Virgin on a Mexican hillside in 1531. □



In this photo, Mike Croxton, of San Diego, checks his camera as he takes pictures of a mosaic of the Virgin of Guadalupe riding a surfboard that hangs under a train bridge in Encinitas, Calif. The unauthorized artwork is drawing a mass following, and even city officials who say she must go say they too have been taken by her. (AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

Southern California beach town ever since.

The striking mosaic of the Virgin of Guadalupe riding a wave was affixed to a wall under a train bridge by artists disguised as construction workers in April. It technically is graffiti that should be removed under the law.

But the surfing Madonna's beauty is drawing a following, and even city officials who say she must go acknowledge they too have been taken by her. They have spent thousands to hire an art conservation agency to find the best way to remove her without causing damage.

The 10-by-10-foot (3-by-3-meter) rock and glass mosaic poses an interesting dilemma over whether a city should spend lots of money to get rid of artwork that is illegal but well done and actually beautifies a place.

Deciding what is graffiti is a growing debate worldwide

dealers have been fetching hefty sums.

A Los Angeles show billed as the first major museum exhibit of street art at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Little Tokyo sparked a similar debate last month when unauthorized etchings started showing up on buildings in

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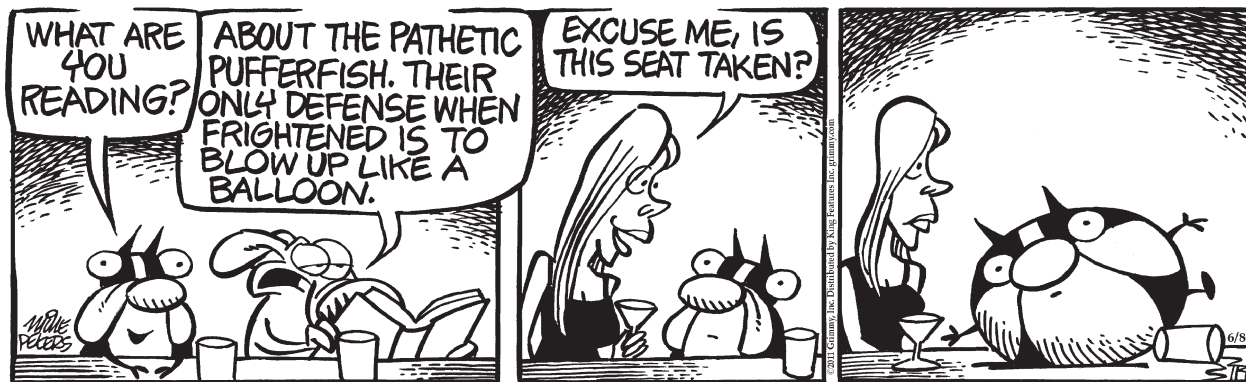
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Cheese that is soft and pale
- 5 Pile up
- 10 Totals
- 14 Make, as a salary
- 15 Event in the maternity ward
- 16 Rat-_-tat
- 17 Enthusiastic
- 18 Happen
- 19 Nothing: Sp.
- 20 Leftover part
- 22 Meat market employee
- 24 Large vessel
- 25 Monastery superior
- 26 Socially awkward fellow
- 29 Wood layer
- 30 Middle East sheikdom
- 34 Armed conflicts
- 35 Chum
- 36 Pago Pago resident
- 37 Flurry
- 38 Glowing insect
- 40 "Roses red. Violets..."
- 41 Baggage porter
- 43 Man
- 44 ___ up; support
- 45 Weirdo
- 46 Smallest two-digit number
- 47 ___ care; wasn't concerned
- 48 Goatee, for one
- 50 Lamb's cry
- 51 Old sewing machine pedal
- 54 More hilarious
- 58 Derriere
- 59 Playwright Henrik ___
- 61 Des Moines, ___
- 62 Feed the kitty
- 63 Exult haughtily
- 64 Plant part
- 65 Majority
- 66 Robins' homes
- 67 Painter's cover

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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R	E	L			E	N	D	S		G	R	E

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DOWN

- 1 Grizzly or polar

- 2 Talk wildly
- 3 Fleur-de-lis
- 4 Salad veggies
- 5 Approximately
- 6 Small rodents
- 7 St. Joan of ___
- 8 Short and thick
- 9 Bush
- 10 Inner ___; sacred refuge
- 11 Provo's state
- 12 Manufactured
- 13 TV's "___ Trek"
- 21 Small amount
- 23 Currently
- 25 So-called
- 26 Dopey or Doc
- 27 One who gets his feet wet
- 28 Deteriorate
- 29 On a ___ with; equal to
- 31 Plank
- 32 Burr or Spelling
- 33 Bumbling
- 35 ___ squeak; twerp
- 36 Underhanded
- 38 Pretended

- 39 Enjoyment
- 42 Liza Minnelli musical
- 44 Liberace or Billy Joel
- 46 ___ clef; musical symbol
- 47 Actor Aykroyd
- 49 Straighten
- 50 Taps a baseball
- 51 Mine car
- 52 City in Nevada
- 53 Gobbles up
- 54 Daring deed
- 55 Scintilla; mite
- 56 Pitcher
- 57 Freeway exit
- 60 Brillo rival

Today in History

Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 8, the 159th day of 2011. There are 206 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

632 - The prophet Muhammad dies in Medina. He leaves no arrangement for his succession, creating a rift in Islam lasting to this day.

1915 - Allied forces take Neuville in France from Germans in World War I.

1925 - Britain and France accept in principle Germany's proposals for security pact to guarantee Franco-German and Belgo-German boundaries.

1941 - British and Free French forces invade Syria, then controlled by Vichy French. The French resist for a month.

1942 - Japanese submarines shell Sydney, Australia, in World War II.

1965 - U.S. troops in Vietnam are authorized to engage in offensive operations.

1973 - Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco relinquishes some of his power by naming Admiral Louis Carrero Blanco as premier.

1976 - Large force of Syrian troops moves into Lebanon, where civil war rages.

1988 - Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze tells United Nations that Moscow would observe a moratorium on nuclear testing if United States also agrees.

1990 - Vaclav Havel is elected president in Czechoslovakia's first free elections in 44 years.

1996 - An American icebreaker churns through pack ice to bring tons of food and supplies to 38 Russians marooned at an Antarctic research base.

1997 - The Cobra militia of former President Denis Sassou-Nguesso takes control of the center of Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

2001 - Japan is shocked when a mentally unstable man stabs and kills eight children and wounds 15 teachers and students at a school in Ikeda.

2002 - Philippine troops battle the Abu Sayyaf Muslim rebel group and free U.S. citizen, Gracia Burnham. Her husband, Martin Burnham, and Ediborah Yap, a Philippine nurse, are killed in the fight-

ing. They had been held since May 2001.

2003 - Eleven Pakistani police trainees are killed and nine others injured by unidentified gunmen on motorcycles in Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan Province. The attack is believed to be linked to sectarian violence since many of the victims were Hazaras, a Shiite Muslim minority, which is at odds with the majority Sunnis.

2004 - France and Germany, the sharpest critics of the Iraq war, back a revised U.N. resolution laying out the powers of Iraq's new government--an important step toward gaining the approval of the U.N. Security Council.

2005 - Ethiopian police open fire on stone-throwing protesters in the center of the capital, killing 22 people and wounding hundreds as unrest mounts over the ruling party's claim of victory in recent elections.

2006 - Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq who carried out some of the bloodiest suicide attacks in Iraq and led a campaign of kidnappings and hostage beatings, is killed in a U.S. bombing outside Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad.

2007 - Hundreds of people flee a sprawling Nairobi shantytown after a violent week-long raid by police searching for the shadowy Mungiki sect accused in a string of beheadings.

2008 - A man rams a truck into a crowd of shoppers, jumps out and goes on a stabbing spree in Tokyo's top electronics district, killing at least six people and wounding 12 others.

2009 - Teams of builders work through dust storm to expand a base for U.S. Marines now fanning out across southern Afghanistan to change the course of a war claiming American lives faster than before.

2010 - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton says proposed new U.N. sanctions

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Today's Birthdays: Giovanni Cassini, Italian astronomer (1625-1712); Robert Schumann, German composer (1810-1856); Frank Lloyd Wright, U.S. architect (1869-1959); Suharto, second Indonesian president (1921-2008); Joan Rivers, U.S. comedian/talk show host (1933-); James Darren, U.S. actor (1936-); Nancy Sinatra, pop singer (1940-); Sonia Braga, Brazilian actress (1950-); Kanye West, rapper (1977-); Julianna Margulies, U.S. actress (1967-).

Thought For Today:

Love hath no physic for a grief too deep — Robert Nathan, American author and composer (1894-1985). □

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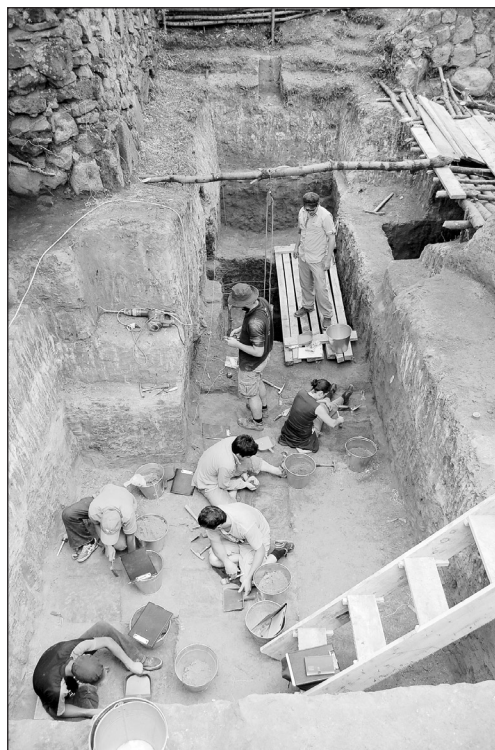
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Were ancient human migrations two-way streets?



This undated handout photo provided by Reid Ferring of the University of North Texas shows the Dmanisi excavation site in the Republic of Georgia.

Associated Press

RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
AP Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP)

— The worldwide spread of ancient humans has long been depicted as flowing out of Africa, but tantalizing new evidence suggests it may have been a two-way street. A long-studied archaeological site in a mountainous region between Europe and Asia was occupied by early humans as long as 1.85 million years ago, much earlier than the previous estimate of 1.7 million years ago, researchers report in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Early human *Homo erectus* is known to have occupied the site at Dmanisi later. Discovering stone tools and materials from a much earlier date raises the possibility that *Homo erectus* evolved in Eurasia and might have migrated back to Africa, the researchers said — though much study is needed to confirm that idea.

“The accumulating evidence from Eurasia is demonstrating increasingly old and primitive populations,” said Reid Ferring of the University of North Texas. Dmanisi is located in the Republic of Georgia.

“The recently discovered

data show that Dmanisi was occupied at the same time as, if not before, the first appearance of *Homo erectus* in east Africa,” the team led by Ferring and David Lordkipanidze of the Georgia National Museum reported. They uncovered more than 100 stone artifacts in deep layers at the site. Previously, fossil bones from a later period had been found at the site.

The new discovery shows that the Caucasus region was inhabited by a sustained population, not just transitory colonists. “We do not know as yet what the first occupants looked like, but the implication is that they

were similar to, or possibly even more primitive than those represented by Dmanisi's fossils,” Ferring explained.

The occupants of Dmanisi “are the first representatives of our own genus outside Africa, and they represent the most primitive population of the species *Homo erectus* known to date,” added Lordkipanidze.

The geographic origins of *H. erectus* are still unknown.

The early humans at Dmanisi “might be ancestral to all later *H. erectus* populations, which would suggest a Eurasian origin of *H. erectus*,” said Lordkipanidze. However, there's another theory as well: *H. erectus* originated in Africa, and the Dmanisi group might represent its first migration out of Africa.

Wil Roebroeks, a professor of archaeology at Leiden University in the Netherlands, said the new findings suggest a sustained regional population which had successfully adapted to the temperate environment of the southern Caucasus at about 1.8 million years ago.

He called it “an important observation for our views on the earliest colonization of Eurasia.”

Roebroeks had suggested in a 2005 paper that Asia might have been a core area where *Homo erectus* emerged, evolving from an earlier, thus far unknown, pre-human.

But he stressed that is a hypothesis which will be tested in future studies. “Possible does not equate with observable, but the Dmanisi evidence has forced us to have a good fresh look at some of our basic assumptions,” said Roebroeks. □

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Nube tóxica en cráter de volcán que afecta a Chile y Argentina

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) — La erupción del volcán Cordón Caulle provocó una concentración de gases, incluido azufre, que por ahora no representa un peligro para la población de decenas de localidades afectadas por las cenizas arrojadas por el macizo andino, que incluso alcanzó la Patagonia argentina. El volcán entró en erupción el sábado y su fumarola de 10 kilómetros de alto y seis kilómetros de diámetro afectó primero ciudades argentinas, incluso la turística Bariloche, pero un cambio en el viento, devolvió la nube hacia suelo chileno.

El Cordón Caulle se ubica unos 1.000 kilómetros al sur de Santiago y a cuatro kilómetros al norte del volcán Puyehue, en la región de Los Lagos. Su última gran erupción se registró en 1960, poco después de un terremoto de magnitud 9,5, la más alta registrada históricamente a nivel mundial.

El gobernador de la región de Los Ríos, Juan Andrés Varas, dijo que al atardecer una nube de gas venenoso y mortal avanzó hacia el valle Riñinahue, cuya población mayoritariamente fue evacuada el domingo y el lunes. Frente a la nube “no tenemos ninguna defensa, no sirve correr, no sirve refugiarse en las casas”, añadió. Afirmó que se trata de “un gas venenoso

mezclado con cenizas y con humo que, directamente, mata todo”.

Enrique Valdivieso, director nacional del Servicio Nacional de Geología y Minería (Sernageomin), morigeró las palabras de la autoridad regional y explicó a la AP que, “lo que se ha informado es que hay concentración de gases y uno de ellos es con azufre, pero no debería ser una preocupación ni (causar) alarma pública”.

“En la parte superior del volcán hay una concentración de gases, como en cualquier proceso eruptivo, pero no debería constituir un peligro para la población”, agregó.

Más temprano el subsecretario del Interior, Rodrigo Ubilla, dijo que en la zona de Riñinahue, “hay una masa de gas que podría tener efectos en la salud de las personas, por lo que estamos desde ayer evacuando la parte alta cordillerana. Se sacó a 450 personas y se estima que en otros sectores no quedan más que 20 habitantes que no quieren dejar el lugar”.

La agricultora Lorena Ríos, citada por el vespertino La Segunda, dijo que en la zona de Riñinahue se siente un fuerte olor a quemado y el aire está más denso “Nos damos cuenta del cambio. Estar con la ceniza arriba nuestro es muy inquietante y peligroso”. Michael Dobbs, geólogo de



Habitantes de Villa La Angostura, al sur este de Argentina, caminan por una calle blanqueada por las cenizas arrojadas por la erupción del volcán Cordón Caulle, ubicado a unos 1.000 kilómetros al sur de Santiago.

(AP Photo/DyN)

la Universidad de Santiago, explicó a la AP que en los cráteres de los volcanes se puede acumular dióxido de azufre, “y eso hace ácido sulfúrico y algunos otros compuestos que son letales”.

Explicó que en los noventa, en Camerún, Africa, murieron unas 2.000 personas cuando una nube de gas bajó como avalancha desde un volcán.

Además de los gases y las cenizas, las autoridades están preocupadas por la posible contaminación de las aguas y las probables avalanchas por causa de acumulación de desechos volcánicos en los ríos, especialmente en el lado norte del macizo.

Vicente Núñez, director de la Oficina Nacional de Emergencia del Ministerio del Interior (Onemi) dijo que la prioridad del lunes era “un nuevo llamado a la población para que deje sus casas. Está todo preparado en materia de albergues y medios de traslado inmediato para salir de la zona”.

Las autoridades también ordenaron evacuar completo el valle alto del río Gol Gol, ante la acumulación de material arrojado por el volcán que puede provocar avalanchas en el área de Puyehue, 1.000 kilómetros al sur de Santiago.

La Dirección meteorológica pronosticó fuertes vientos y lluvias en la zona del volcán, lo que incrementa el riesgo de avalanchas.

Valdivieso explicó a la AP que

el peligro de avalanchas se produce porque “el material particulado que cae en los ríos se estanca, forman compuertas aumentan el caudal y que de abrirse, pueden provocar aluviones”.

Los evacuados superan las 4.000 personas repartidas en diversos albergues instalados en escuelas. Las autoridades regionales están yendo de localidad en localidad para convencer a sus habitantes que se trasladen a refugios.

En Argentina, la Administración Nacional de Aviación Civil de Argentina informó el domingo que la nube de cenizas había obligado al cierre de los aeropuertos de Bahía Blanca --al sur de la provincia de Buenos Aires-- y San Carlos de Bariloche y Trelew, al sur del país. □

Correa y Chávez se reúnen para fortalecer relación bilateral

QUITO (AP) — Los presidentes de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, y de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, coincidieron el martes en profundizar la integración binacional con rapidez y avanzar hacia la unidad de América del Sur y luego hacia “la unidad de toda América Latina”.

Ambos mandatarios se reunieron en el balneario de Salinas, 350 kilómetros al suroeste de la capital, para pasar revista a los convenios binacionales relacionados con temas comerciales, financieros, de seguridad y defensa y de cooperación energética, en el marco de su noveno encuentro presidencial. A mitad de la jornada, Correa expresó que “no tenemos derecho a fracasar, a perder el tiempo, nuestro pueblos han perdido ya demasiado tiempo ... sigamos sin perder un segundo con la mayor eficacia, no solo tenemos que ir rápido, sino recuperar el tiempo perdido”. Añadió que es importante “seguir construyendo la unidad no solo

venezolana-ecuatoriana, sino la unidad de toda nuestra América del Sur y ojalá un día ... la unidad de toda América Latina”. Chávez, destacó que la relación entre ambos países “es un motor orientador, impulsor de esa nuestra unidad suramericana, de nuestra Alianza Bolivariana ... de este empeño de seguir impulsando el objetivo de lograr en esta parte del mundo, una zona de paz, una zona de democracia”. Criticó al imperialismo hegemónico porque “sigue bombardeando pueblos como el de Libia ... delante de un mundo mayormente silencioso ... lo que quieren es el petróleo y las riquezas de Libia, por supuesto, lo sabemos”. El ministro de Defensa de Ecuador, Javier Ponce, previo al encuentro señaló que entre ambas naciones hay cinco acuerdos de cooperación militar en el marco de los cuales Venezuela dará capacitación a militares ecuatorianos para el manejo de radares. □

Humala visitaría Chile antes de asumir

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) — El presidente electo peruano Ollanta Humala visitaría Chile antes de asumir el 28 de julio, dijo el martes el presidente Sebastián Piñera. El mandatario chileno hizo el anuncio en breves declaraciones que formuló luego de asistir a un acto tras confirmar que había saludado a Humala. “Conversé con el presidente electo Ollanta Humala y esperamos tener las mejores relaciones entre dos países vecinos y hermanos como son Perú y Chile”, dijo Piñera. Señaló que “sin duda” tiene confianza en mantener buenas relaciones con Humala. Agregó que Humala le transmitió también la misma disposición a una buena convivencia con Chile “e incluso me contó que tenía mucho interés en visitar Chile antes de asumir su cargo de presidente”. □

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Mike O'Quinn hails from rural central Georgia, a geographical melting pot of rich diversity of musical influences. Country, rock, jazz, bluegrass, rhythm and blues, and even time-honored standards crept into his consciousness until he finally started playing and performing while in high school.

Early on, Mike became involved with studio work, recording and/or performing with members of the Allman Brothers Band, Cameo, The Outlaws, The Reddings, Stillwater, The Marshall Tucker Band, Poco, Restless Heart and others. He later became a premier solo performer on Carnival Cruise Lines and the Holland America Line.

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